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Mayor Naheed Nenshi addresses reporters Wednesday after reviewing responses on plans for municipalities from all major parties involved in the current provincial election campaign. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Calgary 'entire ball of wax' in election: Nenshi

Funding. Nenshi weighs party plans for municipalities, says Wildrose pledge could see S.E. LRT line built sooner

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Provincial-election hopes will live or die at the hands of Calgary voters, says the mayor, but he's not convinced one party has offered an ideal outlook for future municipal funding.

Tight poll results in recent weeks have shown the incumbent Progressive Conservatives and Wildrose splitting support fairly evenly, especially among local voters.

"The City of Calgary is the entire ball of wax in this election.... Whoever can figure out what the people of Calgary need from their provincial government is going to win this election," said Mayor Naheed Nenshi.

After analyzing responses on plans for municipal funding and taxation powers from all five parties, Nenshi said no one model stands above the others.

He did add, however, that a Wildrose pledge to give 10 per cent of all tax revenue and surpluses back to municipalities could see money made available sooner for major municipal capital projects, namely the $2-billion southeast LRT line.

But Scott Hennig with the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation said he fears cries for funding boosts from municipalities could lead to greater taxation of residents.

"Sometimes you need to prioritize," he said. "They somehow managed to build on these crazy road systems and things before."

Online

- **Responses from** all five Alberta provincial parties regarding municipal funding and taxation powers can be viewed online at citiesmatter.ca

No-petting zoo?

A rural zoo is fighting the province for the right to restore visitor-animal interaction PAGE 3

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Drugs seizure

Police make biggest coke bust in Alberta history

Police investigators working out of Calgary and Edmonton have joined forces to make the largest seizure of cocaine in provincial history.

In all, 27.5 kilograms of the drug with an estimated street value of $2.5 million was seized, along with a 20-tonne press used in making the drug.

Insp. Gerry Francois of the Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team says the team received an anonymous tip, which got the ball rolling.

"This was a very sophisticated organized group ... and we were able to take enforcement action on them before they were really able to get a foothold here and set up a network to distribute," Francois said.

Investigators also laid numerous drug-possession and trafficking charges against Airdrie residents Trieu Minh Nguyen, 28, and Khanh Duy Pham, 21, along with 43-year-old Vancouver resident Amir Rashidinejad.

Francois said the alleged trafficking operation would likely have expanded in scope in the weeks and months ahead if not for the diligent work of investigators.

"We consider it a fairly good success because they were in the works of setting it up, so we were able to really nip it in the bud before it got too entrenched," he said.

The team in Edmonton seized more than a kilogram of marijuana, $12,285 cash and drug-trafficking paraphernalia.

The discovery of a 20-tonne hydraulic press used in the production of cocaine signifies the trafficking operation's high level of sophistication.

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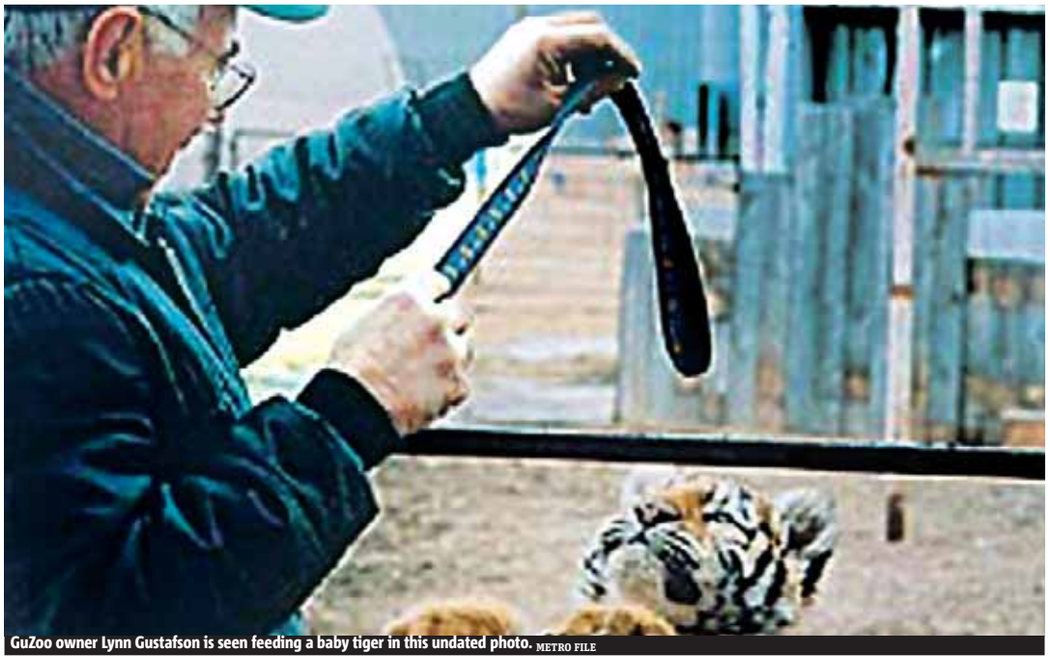

GuZoo owner Lynn Gustafson is seen feeding a baby tiger in this undated photo. METRO FILE

GuZoo fights for petting privileges

Up close and personal. Interacting with baby bears, tigers and other animals part of experience, say staff

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Staff at a controversial rural Alberta zoo say they will fight in court to allow visitors to once again pet animals the province previously deemed too dangerous for public interaction.

It's unclear when a judicial review concerning GuZoo, which has operated for more than 20 years in central Alberta near Three Hills, will get underway but senior staff are already working to revamp their development plan, according to Bill Gustafson, son of the owner.

"There's something to be said for people being allowed to touch the animals here," he said. "One woman described what we have here as organic; it's not like the other zoos."

Gustafson said for 17 years GuZoo visitors were granted the opportunity to pet baby lions, tigers and bears.

However, documents obtained by the group Concerned Albertans for Animal Welfare and Public Security through a freedom of information request that was shared with Metro indicate provincial inspectors took issue with the level of animal interaction at the facility during a review in 2008.

Gustafson said soon after that GuZoo was ordered to only allow petting of domestic animals.

Critics have claimed zoo staff continue to allow visitors to get up close and personal with potentially dangerous animals — namely a full-grown lion.

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development spokesperson Dave Ealey said the restrictions remain in place for a reason. "These zoo animals are not petting animals ... they are all potentially dangerous," he said.

Issues

- Other concerns raised in a 2008 review of GuZoo's operations included procedures for off-premises display of animals and escape of animals from their enclosures, according to documents obtained by Metro.
- GuZoo was issued subsequent permits after the concerns were raised, but provincial spokesperson Dave Ealey couldn't speak to whether the issues raised had been resolved, citing ongoing legal matters.

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On the web

A whale of a birth

A baby beluga is coming to Georgia Aquarium. The world's largest aquarium has a rare beluga whale pregnancy, the first mammal to conceive at the downtown Atlanta attraction since it opened in 2005. Watch the video at metronews.ca

Science or sci-fi?

Fact or fiction? Could you blow up the Death Star? Or teleport, like in Star Trek? Those and other myths explained, as scientists discuss fact versus science fiction. More at metronews.ca

Mobile news

Global warming just got even less sexy. Scientists are blaming global warming for higher levels of carbon dioxide in the Pacific that are damaging oyster reproduction. Scan the code for the story.

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Reinaldo Contreras: NDP

He has a background in journalism, corporate communications and adult popular education, and a former publisher/director of El Latino Newspaper of Alberta.

Narita Sherman: Liberal

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Happy Mann: Wildrose

He has lived in Calgary Cross for twenty years, and this is his home. To him, public service is his duty in life.

Yvonne Fritz: PC

She was elected for her fifth term as a Progressive Conservate MLA on March 3rd, 2008.

Susan Stratton: EverGreen

Stratton is an English professor at the University of Calgary where she has worked for 30 years. (No photo available.)

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Your candidates. Calgary-Currie

Norm Kelly: Alberta Party

He has called Alberta home since his family moved here from Scotland. He began his studies at the University of Alberta. He graduated in 1989 with a Criminology degree and obtained his LLB in 1992. (No photo available.)

Norval Horner: Liberal

Horner has a bachelor's and a master's degree in chemical engineering and 35 years of experience in the province's oil and gas industry.

Robert Scobel: NDP

Scobel is currently on the executive committee of the Alberta Federation of Labour.

Christine Cusanelli: PC

At 32, Christine was appointed her first principalship, making her among the youngest principals in Calgary.

Corrie Adolph: Wildrose

Entered university in her early forties and graduated at the top of her class.

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Alberta PC party Leader Alison Redford makes a campaign stop at a senior's facility in Calgary, where she said she felt voters may be confused over the Wildrose Party's social issues policies. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Voters possibly confused about Wildrose social views, says Redford

War of words. PC Leader Alison Redford fires salvo while campaigning in Calgary.

Quotable:

"I just don't think that it's the way that you run a government, and I don't think it shows leadership."

Alison Redford, Alberta PC leader, on Danielle Smith's idea on holding referendums on controversial social issues.

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith's attempt to assure voters she doesn't hold hardline beliefs on social issues doesn't provide much clarity for voters, Premier Alison Redford said Wednesday.

Redford, leader of the Progressive Conservatives, was campaigning in Calgary where she announced a 10-year plan to tackle poverty.

She said it's hard to tell whether Smith's affirmation that she's pro-choice and pro-gay rights represents party policy or simply the views of the leader. "Three weeks ago what we heard was that her personal view didn't matter, because it wouldn't impact the way that she governed. Then we heard that her personal views didn't matter, because she would take marching orders from her party on conscience rights," Redford said.

"And now her personal views do matter. So I'm not sure if the Wildrose view of those issues is the leader's view or the party's view or the caucus' view."

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Milk bank open for business

Mothers' milk. Metro given exclusive tour of first centre of its kind in Calgary

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Got milk?

That's what the founders of the trailblazing Calgary Mothers' Milk Bank are asking after recently opening up for business in the city's southwest.

Founded by registered nurse Jannette Festival and her business partner, Anne Marie O'Gorman, the bank is one of only two in Canada.

Festival said donors and orders from hospitals are already pouring in, so to speak.

"We have been working on this for 17 months now," she said. "It's been a long road but very much worth it."

Before they're allowed to donate, mothers with excess milk are screened and required to provide a blood sample, which is free of charge.

After that, milk is submitted to the bank where it is pasteurized and combined with other donor samples to balance fat content. From there, the milk is heated to kill bacteria and then chilled.

"We have a zero-bacteria tolerance," Festival said.

Once fully processed, the samples are sent to hospitals to help infants born prematurely or with medical complications.

Some area residents were surprised to learn of the bank on Wednesday but deemed it a worthy endeavour.

"I think the bank is a good idea for moms to support each other that way," said expectant mother Trina Miles, adding she would consider donating in the future. "I don't think it's gross or anything. It's weird and definitely different, but sometimes there's problems and people need help."

WITH FILES FROM MEGAN MAHONEY

Milk of human kindness

- The Calgary Mothers' Milk Bank has already received support from 40 donors and had pasteurized 24 litres of donated milk as of Wednesday.
- To learn more, go to calgarymothersmilkbank.ca.

Anne Marie O'Gorman, left, and Jannette Festival are busy handling donations after recently opening Calgary's first human-milk bank. Canada's only other human-milk bank, in Vancouver, opened more than 30 years ago. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Critics slam CBE vote to scrap parent discussions

It appears Calgary's public-school trustees will no longing be fielding inquiries from parents during informal discussions before their meetings. METRO FILE

Public-school trustees have voted to do away with informal parent discussions before their meetings after just one trial run, says a board member who believes the decision is a step backward.

The board's action on Tuesday came after much debate in recent months over the role of the public in Calgary Board of Education trustee meetings.

Initially, a committee that included three board members proposed removing public stakeholder reports from the meetings altogether, but that was voted down.

Then the board's defining procedures were retooled to not only maintain the stakeholder reports, but also to add on a 30-minute informal discussion period with parents before meetings.

Now, a 4-2 vote has done away with the latter, trustee Sheila Taylor said Wednesday. "We didn't even give it a chance," she added. "I think there was real potential here."

The decision comes as CBE officials have pledged to further engage parents, specifically after a third-party consultation on school fees saw some parents describe the board as unaccountable and secretive.

Larry Leach of the Association For Responsive Trusteeship in Calgary Schools said Tuesday's decision is disappointing, adding he felt the now-abandoned meetings were being held out as an "olive branch" to parents

"Then, to have it pulled after one attempt … was there even really an attempt to start them to begin with?" he asked.

Taylor said there was no clear direction from the board on any further additions with regard to public engagement.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

No comment

- Despite repeated inquiries from the media on Wednesday, board chair Pat Cochrane, who voted in favour of ending the parent discussions, could not be reached for comment.
- Trustees Sheila Taylor and Carol Bazinet opposed ending the parent discussions and trustee Joy Bowen-Eyre was not present for the vote.

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Maureen has an annual household income of $45,000. Some months she lives pay cheque to pay cheque but "I have a budget, and I stick to it. Along with all the monthly expenses, I'm saving for the kids' education, and every summer we travel west to visit family in Winnipeg."

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LRT. Construction to impact wheelchair use at Sunnyside station

Construction at Calgary's Sunnyside LRT station could create headaches for transit riders requiring use of the access ramp.

Work to upgrade the station to accommodate four-car trains will begin April 16 and likely run until the fall, according to a message posted on Calgary Transit's website.

While the busy station will remain open for the duration of construction, the wheelchair ramp will be closed. Those requiring ramp access are advised to use Lions Park LRT station.

A train speeds by at Calgary's Sunnyside LRT station in this 2010 photo. METRO FILE

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Fraud warning

Police warn of money scams

Police are urging Calgarians to be cautious of cheque and money-order scams after they received reports of two separate incidents over the past month. One example saw an individual ask to cash a person's cheque on their behalf but keep a small portion of the money themselves. Some scams will have up to three or more people involved. METRO

Smoke inhalation

Elderly fire victim dies

A woman rushed to hospital with inhalation-related injuries sustained in an East Village apartment complex fire Monday has died.

Crews responding to the scene in the 700 block of 5th Street Southeast were seen performing CPR on an elderly woman being rushed from her upper-floor apartment.

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Police. Used tank round found in city's northeast

Investigators made a startling discovery Tuesday afternoon, finding a used tank shell in a northeast commercial area.

Police were called to the 600 block of Beaver Dam Road Northeast around 2 p.m. amid reports of a suspicious item.

Witnesses initially believed the shell was an actual live bomb, but it was later confirmed that investigators had decided otherwise while on scene, said police acting Det. Cathy Barrett

"It was a cylindrical container that turned out to be an empty tank shell," she confirmed.

The shell was safely taken away by police.

"It was found during a perimeter check around the area," Barrette said. "It looked to be years old."

ERIC FRASER/FOR METRO

The Calgary Humane Society will help ensure prospective pet buyers they aren't receiving frail animals. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

Humane society teams up with Kijiji

Prevention. Medical staff will be evaluating health of animals offered up for purchase through popular site

A new partnership aims to protect pet lovers looking to buy a furry new friend online.

The Calgary Humane Society announced Wednesday it is teaming up with popular classified-ad website Kijiji to make the buying and selling of pets easier.

Spokesperson Christy Thompson is optimistic the new program will help ensure prospective pet buyers aren't receiving frail animals.

"Starting this month, when a person contacts Kijiji, they contact us and we evaluate the condition of the animal," Thompson said.

Quoted

"It gives that extra layer of confidence in users."

Shawn Mcintyre, Kijiji spokesperson

Shawn Mcintyre from Kijiji is excited for this new venture with the Humane Society.

"What we are hoping for is that it gives good breeders the chance to stand out," Mcintyre said.

Working with experienced animal-health technologists, the Humane Society and Kijiji have developed the breeder-inspection program to ensure the safe sale of pets.

"When it comes down to it, we are making sure that they are not backyard breeders or running a puppy mill," Thompson said.

Consumers will be able to identify breeders who pass the rigorous inspection program by looking for the badge on the Kijiji classified ads.

Consumers will begin seeing the approval badge later this month.

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Passengers wait outside Terminal 3 at Heathrow Airport in London as the doors are manned by security to prevent overcrowding inside. British MPs warn that long lines at immigration could force planes to sit on runways. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Heathrow's coping skills up in the air

London summer Olympics 2012. Report says long lines could force planes to circle the airport if it is already at capacity

British members of Parliament have questioned Heathrow Airport's ability to cope with an influx of passengers during the London Olympics this summer, warning that long lines at immigration could force planes to sit on runways or even circle Europe's busiest airport.

The concerns were expressed in a letter to Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt from the chairman of House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport committee, John Whittingdale. It was published Wednesday.

Whittingdale wrote that MPs had met with Heathrow operator BAA on its preparations for the Olympic games and "did not leave the briefing confident" that Heathrow was ready to cope with huge numbers of arrivals around the Olympics in a "timely fashion."

The games run from July 27 to Aug. 12.

"We understand that significant preparations have been made to accommodate unusual sporting equipment, special lanes for the Olympic family, welcoming arrangements for competitors and additional Olympic ambassadors," Whittingdale wrote.

"However, far less thought seems to have been given to the issue of how to deal with long queues at immigration."

Whittingdale said those lines could push terminals over capacity, forcing planes to circle in the air, sit on runways or block gates if they can't unload their passengers.

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WADA urged to impose 4-year bans

Britain's Olympic body has urged the World Anti-Doping Agency to introduce mandatory minimum four-year bans for drug cheats.

The current WADA code has a provision for four-year bans, but few federations opt to impose sanctions beyond the standard two years.

The British Olympic Association has submitted its proposed changes to WADA for the revision of the code which sets out drug-testing rules and sanctions.

The BOA says in its submission that "athletes globally are calling for tougher sanctions to rid sport of those that choose to cheat."

THE BOA SAYS

What Must Be Said. German poet compares Israel's travel ban to a dictatorship's action

Guenter Grass says Israel's decision to bar him from visiting the country after publication of his poem What Must Be Said, which is critical of the Jewish state, reminds him of similar steps that dictatorial governments have taken against him.

The German Nobel laureate for literature said in a reaction piece published by German daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung on Wednesday that he has in the past been barred from entering only then Communist-ruled East Germany and the military junta in Myanmar about 25 years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Miner Javier Tapia, wearing sunglasses, is helped out of a mine in Yauca del Rosario, Peru, Wednesday. JOB ROSALES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peruvians rescue from copper mine

Six-day ordeal. Nine miners walk out of abandoned mine through a reinforced tunnel built by rescuers

Nine Peruvian miners were rescued Wednesday after six days of being trapped in an abandoned copper mine.

The nine, ranging in age from 23 to 58, walked out without assistance about an hour after dawn from a reinforced tunnel that rescuers had built as they removed more than eight metres of dirt and rock.

The miners wore sunglasses and were covered with blankets.

President Ollanta Humala greeted them.

Humala had spent the night at the mine 240 kilometres southeast of Lima.

The miners were trapped by a cave-in triggered by an explosion they had set.

The miners had communicated with rescuers through a hose, in place before the collapse, by which they also received food. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Myanmar. Suu Kyi meets president ahead of her entry into parliament

The architects of political reconciliation in Myanmar, President Thein Sein and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, met Wednesday ahead of the Nobel peace laureate's historic entry into parliament.

The two were due to discuss democratization, parliamentary affairs and a peace process with ethnic rebels, said a spokesman for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy.

On her return to Yangon from the capital, Naypyitaw, Suu Kyi told reporters only that "it was a good meeting."

Suu Kyi has long fought for democratic rule against the former military regime, and spent about 15 years under house arrest for her efforts. Her party boycotted a November 2010 general election, saying it was unfair and undemocratic.

But when Thein Sein became president he began reforms easing the political landscape.

The election was viewed as a milestone for Myanmar and an astonishing reversal of fortune for former political prisoner Suu Kyi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

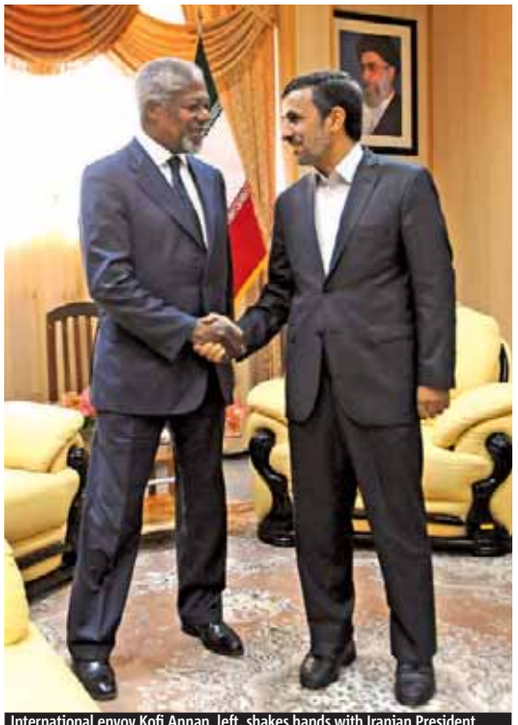
Pro-democracy icon

Aung San Suu Kyi's group captured 43 seats to become the main opposition presence in parliament, which is overwhelmingly dominated by allies of the former military regime.

- They take their seats when the next session of parliament opens April 23.

Aung San Suu Kyi smiles as she talks to journalists Wednesday. KHIN MAUNG WIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syria agrees to ceasefire deadline



International envoy Kofi Annan, left, shakes hands with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the beginning of their meeting on the Iranian island of Qeshm, Wednesday. HAMID FOROUTAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ISNA

Under one condition.
Activists say the agreement leaves too much room for regime to manoeuvre

Syria promised to comply with a UN-brokered ceasefire beginning Thursday but carved out an important condition — that the regime still has a right to defend itself against the terrorists that it says are behind the country's year-old uprising.

The statement Wednesday offered a glimmer of hope that a peace initiative by special envoy Kofi Annan could help calm the conflict, which has killed some 9,000 people. But the regime still has ample room to manoeuvre.

In comments carried on the state-run news agency, Syria said the army has successfully fought off "armed terrorist groups" and reasserted state authority across the country.

"A decision has been taken to stop these missions as of the morning of ... April 12, 2012," the statement said. "Our armed forces are ready to repulse any aggression carried out by the armed terrorist groups against civilians or troops."

The government denies that it is facing an uprising by Syrians who want to dislodge the authoritarian family dynasty that has ruled the country for more than four decades. Instead, the regime says, terrorists are carrying out a foreign conspiracy to destroy Syria.

Because the regime has treated any sign of dissent as a provocation, there are only dim hopes for an abrupt end to the bloodshed. The White House cautioned that President Bashar Assad's regime has reneged on promises to stop the violence in the past.

"What is important to remember is that we judge the Assad regime by its actions and not by their promises, because their promises have proven so frequently in the past to be empty," White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

Annan is scheduled to brief the UN Security Council on Thursday by video-conference from Geneva.

Many activists predict that huge numbers of protesters would flood the streets if Assad fully complies with the agreement and pulls his forces back to barracks. But Syria has ways to maintain authority even without the military, in the form of pro-regime gunmen called "shabiha" and the fiercely loyal and pervasive security apparatus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Historic leader

Algeria's first president dies

Algeria's state news agency says Ahmed Ben Bella, who served as Algeria's first president, has died at age 96.

Ben Bella passed away Wednesday at the family home in Algiers after being twice admitted to a hospital in the past month for discomfort, family members said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mideast negotiations

Israel, Palestinians urged to focus on positive steps

The "quartet" of Mideast peacemakers appealed Wednesday for Israel and the Palestinians to take confidence-building steps to improve the atmosphere for negotiations, as top Israeli and Palestinian officials prepared to meet for the first time in 18 months.

Meeting in Washington, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and EU foreign-policy chief Catherine Ashton also called for the international community to help the Palestinians meet their budget needs. They expressed concern about the "increasing fragility" of the Palestinian Authority, which needs $1.1 billion US in financial aid, and called on the two sides to work together to improve Palestinian governance and expand economic opportunities for the Palestinian people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tori Stafford's DNA found on accused's car door: Testimony

Rafferty trial.
Probability the blood found on the car was not eight-year-old victim's is one in 150 trillion, court hears

Blood determined with near certainty to be Victoria Stafford's was found on the door of the car belonging to the man accused of killing her, court in London, Ont., heard Wednesday.

A mixture of blood from at least two people on the rubber moulding of the back passenger side door on Michael Rafferty's car was found to contain DNA matching the eight-year-old girl's profile, court heard. The profile was compiled using her parents' DNA, one of Tori's teeth and a hair from a lice comb, forensic biologist Jennifer McLean testified.

Michael Rafferty is shown in a police handout released as a court exhibit.
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The probability that the female blood on Rafferty's car door was not Tori's, that a randomly selected person would coincidentally share the same DNA profile, is one in 150 trillion, she said.

Results from such a DNA test can either exclude someone as the source of a sample, or find that they cannot be excluded, with varying probabilities that a randomly selected person has the same DNA profile, McLean testified.

Science was the focus Wednesday at Rafferty's trial, where experts from the Centre of Forensic Sciences testified about testing done on several items seized from Rafferty's home and car following his May 19, 2009, arrest.

Rafferty is alleged to have kidnapped Tori outside her Woodstock, Ont., elementary school on April 8, 2009, with his then-girlfriend Terri-Lynne McClintic, and then driven the Grade 3 student more than 100 kilometres away to a rural area where he raped and killed her.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping. McClintic is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder.

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Heroin clinic on trial

Richard Chenery prepares heroin he bought on the street to be injected at the Insite safe injection clinic in Vancouver, B.C., on Wednesday. Insite, North America's first and only legal injection site, is facing a court challenge from the Conservative government, which sees it as a facilitator of drug abuse. The case opens before the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa on May 12. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alarm bells

Three charged in break-in

Three men are facing charges after a break-in attempt at the Toronto home of an alarm company president.

AlarmForce Industries says Joel Matlin was on vacation in February when a man went to the front door of his house late at night. Matlin's video-equipped alarm system sent him an email with pictures of the man, whom he did not recognize, but a check of the live video feed showed the man had left.

Matlin contacted Toronto police and asked them to check the house and also called his stepson, who went over to stay at the home. The stepson was awakened at about 4:30 a.m. to the sound of the alarm system saying "phone line cut" and then heard people trying to kick the door down, but he turned on the lights and scared them away. Matlin's company says the entire incident was caught on video, which was sent to police to help in the investigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bomb search conducted on grounded plane: RCMP

The Korean Air Boeing 777 grounded at CFB Comox in Comox, B.C. .
RICHARD WARRINGTON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Authorities were conducting a thorough inspection of a Korean Air flight Wednesday that made an emergency landing at a Vancouver Island military base after a bomb threat was phoned into the airline, the second such scare in two days.

The Boeing 777 was carrying 149 passengers from Vancouver to Seoul on Tuesday afternoon when the airline turned its craft around shortly after takeoff under the escort of two U.S. fighter jets.

A spokesman with the company's Vancouver office said a similar flight was delayed at Vancouver International Airport for two hours on Monday when the first call was received. Police boarded the plane and determined that threat was not credible.

"Mostly we are concerned about our passengers' safety, and (keeping) our passengers on schedule," said James Koh, adding he had "no idea" why the airline was getting the threats.

The RCMP, which is leading the investigation, said early Wednesday nothing suspicious had yet been found.

Passengers and crew members on Tuesday's diverted flight were checked, the company said Wednesday morning. Once inspections of baggage, cargo and the plane undergo the same procedure, it's expected to resume flight.

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Calgary man stops "getting hosed" by cell phone carriers

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Eric Connolly isn't "getting hosed" anymore by Big 3 mobile phone companies. The retired computer engineer said he cut his $80 monthly bills in half last September by switching to Mobilicity.

"I used to get 300 anytime minutes which wasn't enough," he said. "It was a no-brainer to switch. The value for the money is just ridiculous. How can you go wrong?"

Connolly gets unlimited talk, text and data service with Mobilicity, which is celebrating its one-year anniversary in Calgary this month with special offers for Albertans. He also gets peace of mind knowing he won't get hit with extra charges that "are always weighing on your mind when you use your phone a lot."

Calgary Stampede Event Service Technician Jeff Eriamiator was shocked when he was charged $1,500 in roaming and long distance fees after a trip to Regina a couple years ago. "It was a rip off," he said.

Eriamiator paid $600 to break his contract with a Big 3 carrier in October and switch to Mobilicity. He was one of the more than 63,000 people who joined Mobilicity in the last quarter of 2011 and made it the fastest-growing new carrier in Canada. "I did some calculations and saw that it cost me more to stay in my contract. Mobilicity is less expensive and I really like the convenience of unlimited service."

Evelyn Hussein paid $200 to break her Big 3 contract last September to switch to Mobilicity. She said it was worth every penny. "Now we're paying half of what we used to pay and we're getting more." The Calgary entrepreneur uses her 'unlimited everything' plan to call business contacts across North America, and check her email and website knowing she won't get a bill with extra charges.

Hussein also relies on Mobilicity's affordable roaming rates when she travels to her vacation home in Arizona. She said her Big 3 carrier was "way too expensive to use down there" and she lost $100 in expired voice minutes when she bought a plan with an American carrier. "We've easily saved $500 with Mobilicity – probably more," she said.

Smartphone Spotlight

Samsung Galaxy S 4G

The skinny: This sleek Android smartphone combines performance and value for busy, value-conscious professionals, parents and students.

Cool Features: 1GHz processor for quick multitasking through programs and apps. Also includes a quality 5.0 MP camera with HD video for capturing important memories with family and friends without having to carry along a standalone camera.

Favourite things: We really like this smartphone's vibrant 4" Super AMOLED touch screen because it delivers an HDTV-like viewing experience. The front-facing camera comes in handy for web-conferences wherever you are. It also makes taking self-portraits fun and easy.

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Giant Indonesian earthquake triggers panic but no tsunami

The sound of sirens. Massive 8.6 quake terrifies residents of South Pacific archipelago, bringing back nightmares of 2004 tragedy

The walls of a prison were damaged by strong earthquakes in Indonesia's Aceh province on Wednesday. The two massive quakes caused tsunami warnings, but no deadly waves or serious damage occurred. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cries of panic and fervent prayers rang out Wednesday as Indonesians rushed toward high ground after two strong earthquakes raised fears of a killer tsunami.

Alerts were raised as far away as Africa and Australia but this time the big waves didn't come.

In western Indonesia, distraught women ran into the streets clinging to crying children as back-to-back tsunami warnings revived memories of the 2004 disaster that claimed 230,000 lives in nearly a dozen countries.

"God! What have we done to deserve this?" one mother screamed as residents around her piled into cars and onto the backs of motorcycles. "What sins have we committed?"

Two deadly tsunamis in the last decade — the most recent off Japan just one year ago — have left the world much better prepared.

Sirens sounded along coastlines and warnings spread like wildfire by text messaging. Though often chaotic, evacuations began immediately, with streets clogged with traffic, especially in Aceh province, where 170,000 people were killed in 2004.

Countries all along the Indian Ocean — from Australia and India to as far off as Africa — received alerts from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii saying they should prepare for the possibility of seismically charged waves.

An hour later the tsunami warnings were lifted, and damage from the tremors was minimal — something experts attributed to the unique nature of the fault line.

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Trayvon Martin shooting. Zimmerman to plead not guilty to murder two

The neighbourhood watch volunteer who shot unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin was arrested and charged with second-degree murder, after weeks of mounting tensions and protests across the U.S.

George Zimmerman, 28, could get up to life in prison if convicted. His new lawyer said Wednesday that Zimmerman will plead not guilty. Zimmerman turned himself in Wednesday, and he is expected to appear in court Thursday.

The February shooting brought demands from civil rights leaders for Zimmerman's arrest and set off a furious debate over race and self-defence.

Zimmerman initially was not arrested in part because of Florida's "stand your ground" law, which gives people wide leeway to use deadly force without having to retreat in the face of danger.

Zimmerman's new attorney, Mark O'Mara, said he will invoke the "stand your ground" law in Zimmerman's defence.

Martin's parents expressed relief over the decision to prosecute him.

Recounting the incident

On Feb. 26, Martin was returning from a convenience store when Zimmerman started following him, telling police dispatchers he looked suspicious.

- Zimmerman stated Martin attacked him after he had given up chasing the teenager and was returning to his truck.
- He told police that Martin knocked him to the ground and began slamming his head on the sidewalk. Zimmerman's father says Martin threatened to kill his son.
- A video taken about 40 minutes after the shooting as Zimmerman arrived at the Sanford police station showed him walking unassisted without difficulty.

Zimmerman's brother Robert Zimmerman Jr. told CNN on Wednesday night: "Our brother literally had to save his life by taking a life. And that's a situation nobody wants to be in, ever." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Manson denied parole — again

A California panel denied parole Wednesday to mass murderer Charles Manson in his 12th bid for freedom.

Manson, now a grey-bearded 77-year-old, did not attend the hearing.

He orchestrated a series of gruesome murders on consecutive nights in Los Angeles 40 years ago.

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Aging Charles Manson may have faced his last parole hearing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida

'Animal' set to be executed

David Alan Gore is scheduled to be executed in Florida Thursday for murdering 17-year-old Lynn Elliott in 1983 — a sentence many say is long overdue.

"He's an animal, a terrible animal," said Carl Elliott, 81, whose daughter was Gore's sixth known and final victim.

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Game on! Obama and Romney drop gloves

Race for the White House. Santorum quits, leaving the top Republican to take the presidential heat

No more Mr. Nice Guys!

U.S. President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are girding for battle — officially.

The gloves were dropped as soon as the Republican front-runner's only real competition exited the party's gruelling presidential race.

Less than 24 hours after Rick Santorum's departure from the contest, the former Massachusetts governor is facing a bruising battle with a well-funded, well-oiled Obama re-election machine.

Stand by for seven months of fighting.

Wednesday, a trio of Romney's top advisers faced tough questions about his insistence a day earlier that 92 per cent of jobs lost in the U.S. since Obama took office were held by women.

Romney has been trying to gain ground with women in the face of numerous polls suggesting they prefer Obama by as much as 20 percentage points.

Romney's campaign officials were asked three times to point to Obama policies that have hurt women. They offered nothing specific.

Meanwhile, Obama pushed for tax reform.

"It's just plain wrong that middle-class Americans pay a higher share of their income in taxes than some millionaires and billionaires," Obama said at the White House, surrounded by some millionaires who back him.

It's all part of Obama's efforts to portray the Republican party — and its wealthy presumptive nominee — as being more concerned about rich Americans holding onto their wealth than it is about average working men and women.

He reiterated his campaign's reminder that Ronald Reagan himself, the former president and beloved conservative icon, also once pushed for tax equality.

"I'm not the first president to call for this idea that everybody has got to do their fair share," he said, adding another commander-in-chief had once called it "crazy" that bus drivers paid taxes at higher rates than multi-millionaires.

"That wild-eyed, socialist, tax-hiking class warrior was Ronald Reagan," he said to laughter.

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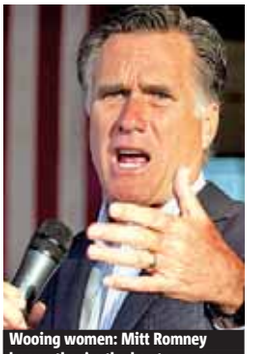
Ringside

The first blow in the battle for the White House was actually delivered by the pollsters on Wednesday.

- **OUCH!** An ABC News/Washington Post poll shows Romney is trailing Obama by 19 percentage points in terms of general popularity.
- **POW!** Fifty per cent of those surveyed view Romney unfavourably, while 34 per cent have a favourable opinion.
- **SOCK!** That's the lowest level for any leading presidential candidate during a primary season in the 28 years that ABC News and the Post have been conducting such polls.

Tax fighter: Barack Obama asks, Why should middle-class pay more than tycoons? THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Texas cops keeping eye on nude maid service

Police in this conservative Texas city are keeping close tabs on a young entrepreneur's recently opened cleaning service that offers nude maids.

Lubbock police Sgt. Jonathan Stewart said the owner of Fantasy Maid Service of Lubbock doesn't have a permit to operate a sexually oriented business and officers are watching for any violation, which would bring a $2,000 fine.

But owner Melissa Borrett insists she's not operating such a business. Customers pay $100 an hour for one maid or $150 an hour for two maids, and no touching is allowed, she said.

"I run a maid service," the 26-year-old entrepreneur said. "We really just clean houses. These girls are not performers. They're maids."

The West Texas native and mother said she started the business about a month ago because she was struggling as a waitress to make ends meet. She had even been living at the Occupy Lubbock encampment near Texas Tech University's campus in Lubbock.

"I just decided to go a little bigger, work a little smarter," she said.

Her business model isn't unique, but the city's ordinance requires all sexually oriented businesses to apply for a permit, which costs $650 a year, and to post a $5,000 surety bond or letter of credit.

Such businesses are defined as any commercial venture whose operations include "providing, featuring or offering of employees or entertainment personnel who appear in a state of nudity, seminude or simulated nudity and provide live performances or entertainment" intended to sexually stimulate or gratify customers "and which is offered as a feature of a primary business activity of the venture." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Booming business

- **So far, Borrett said, business has been good and she is now busy interviewing to hire more maids — she has three on staff.**
- **Fantasy maid service offers a regular discount to government employees and law enforcement.** An ad posted Friday on the online bartering site Craigslist offered 20 per cent discounts for Easter weekend.

Abandoned puppies found zipped in suitcase

A man tried to abandon six English bulldog puppies and their mother by zipping them inside a suitcase and leaving it outside an Ohio business near a trash bin with their mother. The man was charged after authorities found he'd left the luggage tag with his contact information attached.

DAVE ZAPOTOSKY/THE BLADE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saggy pants land man in jail

An Alabama judge ordered a man to serve three days in jail for contempt of court for wearing so-called saggy pants. Twenty-year-old LaMarcus D. Ramsey was in Autauga County Circuit Court on Tuesday to enter a plea on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Circuit Judge John Bush told Ramsey his blue jeans were sagging too low and gave him the three-day stint. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Miracle' baby alive in coffin

A mother in Argentina says she fell to her knees in shock after finding her baby alive in a coffin in the morgue nearly 12 hours after the girl had been declared dead.

Doctors gave her the death certificate just 20 minutes after the baby was born. The baby was quickly put in a coffin and taken to the morgue's refrigeration room. Twelve hours passed before she and her husband were able to open the coffin to say their last goodbyes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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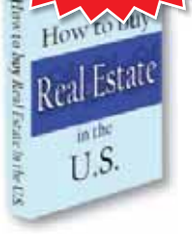

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Making final orbit in Race for Space

Metro English Canada's finalists for Metro's Race for Space are competing against 14 others from around the world for a chance to be launched into space. The winner — to be selected by an international panel of judges — will be announced April 27.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

KIRBY

'OUTLANDISH'

Will Kirby grew up dreaming of flying to Mars to search for life on the Red Planet.

Thanks to Metro International's Race for Space contest, he's one step closer to his goal. Kirby is Canada's co-finalist for a chance to fly into space.

Kirby says he saw the contest in the paper and decided to take a shot. He then pressed his friends and family to back his entry.

As the votes grew, the undergrad biology student planted himself in public places on the Dalhousie University campus in Halifax to have loud conversations with friends about the contest, and about how he needed online support.

"I began to think, Hey, this is actually possible," he says. "Over the next few days, I did a lot of arm waving at Dalhousie University."

Kirby, 23, was born in Ottawa, raised in Acton, Ont., and moved to Halifax to study. His father has a PhD in chemistry, and childhood walks were filled with discussions of quantum physics. "I always had a big interest in science, mainly because of him," he says.

The idea of actually being in space awes him. "I would try to make an emotional, inspiring speech, but I don't know if I'll just be like, 'Daaaaarrrr,'" he laughs.

Each Metro country is submitting finalists, and a jury will pick the winner April 27. The actual flight would happen in 2014.

Even if he falls short in the Race for Space, Kirby hopes to make it off Earth one day. He plans to get his PhD in astrobiology, the study of the potential for life on other planets, and has the "outlandish" goal of becoming an astronaut.

"The ultimate goal is to get to Mars and be one of the first scientists who discovers extraterrestrial life," he says.

"I can fight as hard as I can to get as close to my goal as possible. If it's not in the stars, then I can say I did my best."

JON TATTRIE/FOR METRO

On the web

Read Kirby's entry at metronews.ca/features.

BUBBLES

'REALLY COOL'

We've all come to know and love the quirky character Bubbles from the Canadian TV show Trailer Park Boys. Behind the big glasses, kitten obsession and signature frown is Mike Smith, a man who has loved space and rocketry since he was five years old.

Since March 5, applicants across 22 countries have been narrowed down, leaving Smith to be Canada's co-finalist for a chance to fly into space.

"The whole experience of going through the training and learning about the space vehicle, the build up to it, would be amazing," says Smith.

Smith, 39, grew up in Nova Scotia and studied English at St. Francis Xavier University.

If he wins, he plans on making a documentary, recording the process leading up to the flight. Smith says the documentary could inspire youth to become involved in space exploration.

The avid Rush fan says, if allowed, he would bring music with him into space.

"It would be really cool to listen to Cygnus X1 in space." The Rush track is a psychedelic blend of rock, ambient sound effects and metal. Smith says he would also love to bring his beloved Conky, the ventriloquist puppet, with him for the trip.

"Some friends and family have been telling me I'm nuts to get into a space vehicle. They have opinions about if it's a good idea to shoot yourself into space," says Smith, who's more than excited at the prospect of space travel.

DELIA MACPHERSON/ FOR METRO IN TORONTO

On the web

Read Bubbles' entry at metronews.ca/features.

‘Hello, Earthlings!’ Metro reporter says from ‘space’

Trying space travel on for size. Metro Holland’s Jeroen van Wieringen spends the day at a space-flight simulator facility

JEROEN VAN WIERINGEN
Metro World News

Our reporter Jeroen van Wieringen gets inside the SXC flight simulator. SXC

“And on the left you’ll find a sickness bag,” Mark, a technician from Space XC, says, concluding his instructions before he closes down the spaceship’s cockpit.

I nod bravely, but secretly I die a thousand times. I have every reason to. It’s not every day that I am flying 3,500 kilometres an hour, up to 103 kilometres in the sky — all a part of becoming an astronaut.

You may be scratching your head and thinking, “Astronaut?”

Yes, but in truth a virtual one. I’m sitting in a facility called Desdemona in the Dutch village of Soesterberg.

Here, you’ll find the only simulator in the world that can literally turn in every direction. Because of extremely good projections in the cockpit, the user — in this case, me — thinks he’s sitting in a real spaceship.

“All right, Jeroen, just press the red button when you are ready,” the “pilot” Harry says calmly.

“No, don’t!” the scared one inside me thinks. “Go for it!” screams the daredevil in the same body. And that last one wins.

I’m being pressed into the seat as the world around me is passing me by faster and faster.

“More than 200 kilometres an hour ... and liftoff.”

Thanks, Harry. As if I haven’t noticed that myself already.

I see land below me, clouds next to me, stars above me. The continuous noise of the rocket engines is banging in my ears. But then — silence.

The engines are shut down, the enormous pressure has been lifted. Weightlessness, that’s how it feels. Yuri Gagarin, I’m just like you!

A big smile appears on my face and my eyes are looking in all directions as fast as they can, just to miss nothing of the wonderful world around me.

“So right now, can I call myself a virtual astronaut?” I hear myself asking.

“Yes, now you are, because you just crossed the zone of 100 kilometres, the boundary between our atmosphere and outer space,” Harry says enthusiastically into my headset.

Hello, Earthlings!

However, going up means coming down again as well.

I know what comes next — they explained it to me. It seems like about three times my own weight, about 250 kilograms, is trying to crush me.

Although I knew it was coming, it takes me by surprise. Blood rushes down, my head feels lighter. I pinch my hands and put pressure on my legs to fight it. It barely helps. If this goes on much longer…

But it doesn’t.

“Welcome back, this is the right time to have a relaxed final part of the flight,” Harry says. “Well done.”

And — to be honest — I agree with him. Especially when I see the empty sickness bag next to me.

That down-to-earth feeling

It takes me by surprise. Blood is rushing down, my head feels lighter. I pinch my hands and put pressure on my legs to fight it. It barely helps. If this goes on much longer...

Jeroen van Wieringen during his return to Earth.

Commercial space flights

Heading for next frontier ‘a life changer’

Michiel Mol has been dreaming of going to space since he was eight-years-old.

Influenced by science-fiction movies and by watching the space race put the first man on the moon, he’s always wanted to experience the galaxy first-hand.

“It’s all because of something inside of us human beings,” Mol tells Metro.

“We want to go further and find the next frontier.”

The model of the Space XC space station in Curaçao. SXC

Now, Mol may be able to make his and the dreams of many others come true.

He’s the CEO and partner of Space XC, a company that will be sending people to outer space on its spacecraft starting in 2014.

Previous space travellers have been known to pay exorbitant amounts of up to $50 million US to get to the International Space Station.

Space Adventures, based in Vienna, Va., is offering a 90-minute spacewalk and five-day stay on the ISS for $15 million — but the flight isn’t included.

“You’re looking down on the seven billion people on Earth. It’s really a life-changer,” Mol says.

MICHELLE CASTILLO/ METRO WORLD NEWS

Online

For the full Race for Space package, visit metronews.ca/features. Additional features include:

- New York designers best known for dressing Lady Gaga and Rihanna give us their take on a new spacesuit.
- Neil deGrasse Tyson of New York’s Hayden Planetarium reviews Angry Birds Space.
- Businessman Gregory Olsen dishes on being a space tourist.

U.S. sues Apple, publishers over ebook pricing

Publishing. Markups have cost consumers over $100 million since April 2010, attorney general says

The U.S. Justice Department and 15 states sued Apple Inc. and major book publishers Wednesday, alleging a conspiracy to raise the price of electronic books they said cost American consumers more than $100 million US in the past two years by adding $2 to $5 to the price of each ebook.

Attorney General Eric Holder said executives at the highest levels of the companies conspired to eliminate competition among ebook sellers. Justice's antitrust chief Sharis Pozen said the executives were desperate to get Amazon.com, marketer of the Kindle ebook reader, to raise the $9.99 price point it had set for the most popular titles, which was substantially below their hardcover prices.

The federal government reached a settlement with three of the publishers, Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Shuster. But it will proceed with its lawsuit in federal court in New York City against Apple and Holtzbrinck Publishers, doing business as Macmillan, and the Penguin Publishing Co. Ltd., doing business as Penguin Group.

Connecticut and Texas, two of the 15 states filing a separate complaint, reached agreements with Hachette and HarperCollins to provide $52 million in restitution to consumers, using a formula based on the number of states participating and the number of ebooks sold in each state. Other states in the case may sign onto the agreement.

Holder told a Justice Department news conference on Wednesday that "we believe that consumers paid millions of dollars more for some of the most popular titles" as a result of the alleged conspiracy.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Price point

- Since launching the Kindle in 2007, Amazon has made a point of offering bestsellers for only $9.99 US.
- Apple's iBookstore has yet to become a major force, but publishers believe the new price model has reduced Amazon's market share.

Eye on the (very) small screen

The HTC Evo 3D smartphone is shown in San Francisco on June 21, 2011. Canada's big telecom companies have scooped up television stations for more content, but so far small numbers of consumers are watching live sports, news and other shows on their smartphones. When you look at it as a percentage of all TV watched, viewing television on smartphones is certainly well under one per cent, said Deloitte Canada analyst Duncan Stewart, who noted that screen size is a big consideration when it comes to how consumers view content.

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Social networking

New changes to Google Plus

Google is tweaking its social network, Google Plus, to make it easier to use and to distinguish it from rival Facebook.

The most visible change is a new navigation ribbon with icons for the most-used features, such as games, photos and your personal profile.

The changes, announced Wednesday, are designed to help Google Plus adapt more easily to growth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investment

Canada's banks a safe haven: Moody's

Canada's banks are collectively the soundest in the world, according to Moody's Investors Service, which has recommended the financial institutions to jittery global investors.

The New York-based agency rated all of Canada's big banks at double-A2 or better in a report Wednesday, higher than bank rankings in the United States, Europe and other regions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cool currency

Mint introduces new glow-in-the-dark coin

The Royal Canadian Mint seems to be in an awfully experimental mood lately.

First, the penny was given the boot in last week's budget, an announcement that was quietly followed up by the unveiling of an in-development digital currency chip.

Now, perhaps as a nod to what could looks increasingly like the pending extinction of coins, the mint has taken the wraps off a new quarter that stars a dinosaur discovered in the Grande Prairie, Alta., area.

And it also happens to be the mint's fist glow-in-the-dark coin.

In your standard, well-lit coin-counting situation, the very cool quarter boasts an image of Pachyrhinosaurus lakustai. But when the lights go down, the image reverts to a luminous look at the dinosaur's skeleton.

The Mint says 25,000 copies of the eye-catching currency have been made, part of a planned series of four glow-in-the-dark coins spotlighting prehistoric creatures. They are available for purchase online and at Canada Post locations for $29.95.

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The Royal Canadian Mint's first glow-in-the-dark coin.
THEMINT.CA

Housing starts rise sharply

CMHC report. Condo sector shows no sign of cooling — particularly in Toronto

Canada's home-building industry was unexpectedly hot in March — particularly the condo sector in Toronto.

The latest data on residential construction surprised analysts Wednesday, with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) reporting 14,517 actual starts in March, giving a seasonally adjusted rate of 215,600 units a year.

That constitutes a five per cent jump from the previous month and the highest level of starts since the fall of 2008.

As well, CMHC upgraded its estimates for January and February, suggesting home construction was a key component of economic growth for Canada in the first quarter of this year.

Ontario, particularly Toronto, had the country's biggest increase in multiple-dwelling units, a group that includes condos and apartments. Multiple starts in the province jumped by 50 per cent on a seasonally adjusted basis.

"Certainly we think the housing sector will downshift at some point ... but we're not quite at that point yet," said Peter Buchanan, an analyst with CIBC World Markets.

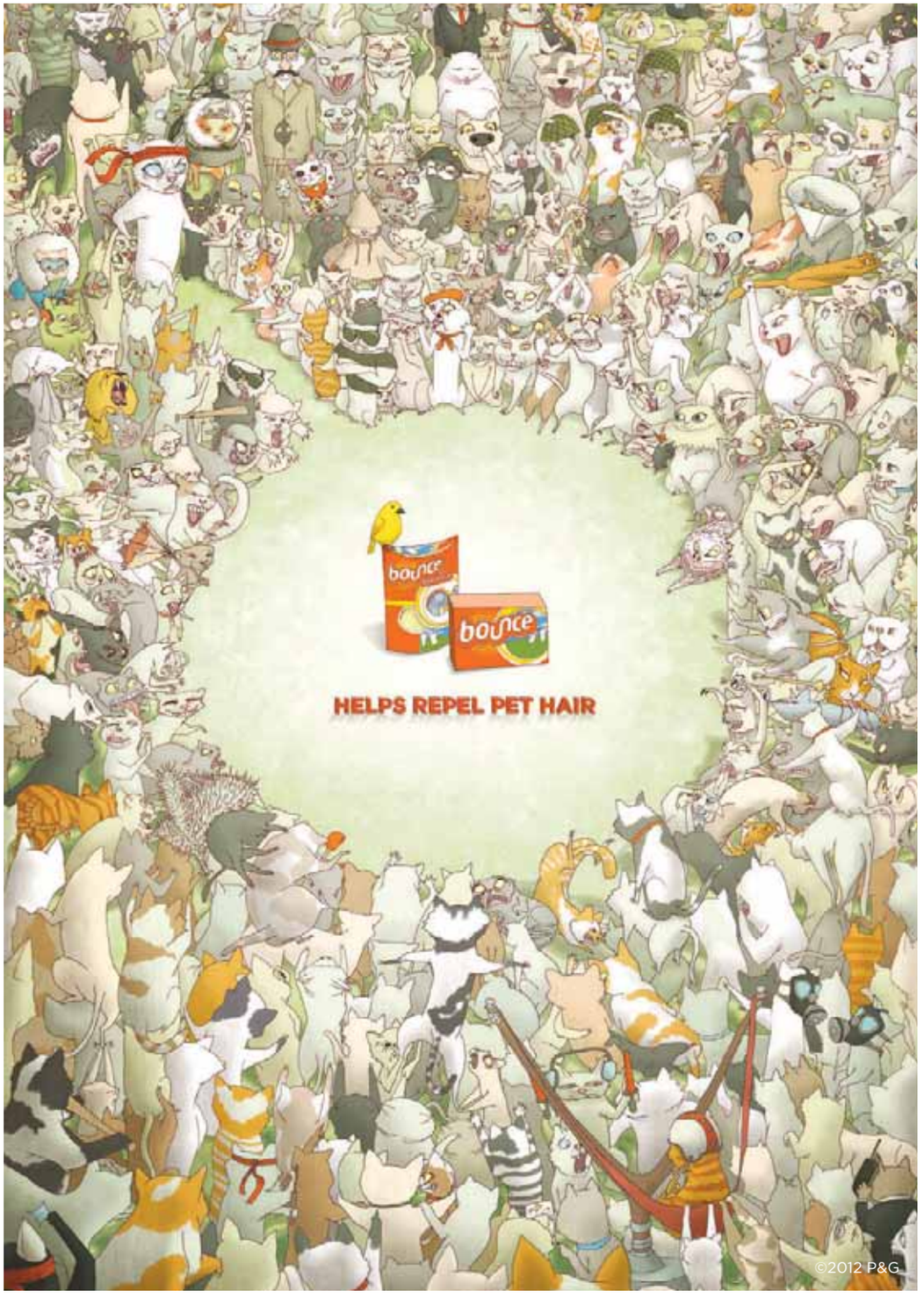
"Clearly low mortgage-financing costs are helping to support the segment. This kind of level of starts is certainly above the underlying level of household formation by 20,000 or 30,000 (annually)."

Buchanan said the condo market may be sizzling due to demographics as baby boomers downsize from larger, detached homes, as well as international speculation and a trend to more downtown living among Canadians as the cost of commuting increases with rising gas prices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Regional rates

The report for March did contain some evidence of retrenchment.

- Starts in urban areas decreased by 27.7 per cent in British Columbia — a signal that the country's most expensive housing market, Vancouver, may be coming back to earth — and by 16.3 per cent in Quebec.
- The Prairie provinces saw a 6.4 per cent increase in starts, while residential building rose by 2.7 per cent in Atlantic Canada.



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LET THE REAL HOCKEY SEASON BEGIN

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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What with the latest news involving nuclear weapons and dictatorships, it will be paramount to check up on those things when the Stanley Cup playoffs are over.

But for now, let's focus on what's important. Sixteen teams are vying for the world's most famous bird bath/pudding bowl in a bid to take it away from *my* Boston Bruins, who won last year in a victory that I have recounted three or four times (5,000, tops).

Like many journalists, my empathy button is worn down after years of overuse. I recently had a completely dispassionate conversation with an editor about whether a person can be "partially disembowelled." I believe I was eating a sandwich.

But confront me with the NHL playoffs and, well, this is *emotional*. This is life and death.

That might sound ridiculous if you're not a sports fan, but I'm not alone. We live in a country where our government was completely unapologetic for a $10-billion discrepancy in the costs of fighter jets, but the Toronto Maple Leafs apologized in full-page newspaper ads for their poor season.

Heck, if this government owned the *Winnipeg* Jets and increased ticket prices by $293 (the $10 billion broken down to each Canadian), Manitobans would lay siege to Ottawa. And you can bet the government would be apologizing like a theatregoer trying to get to his mid-row seat.

Just sayin'

We live in a country where our government was completely unapologetic for a $10-billion discrepancy in the costs of fighter jets, but the Toronto Maple Leafs apologized in full-page newspaper ads for their poor season.

Long column short, hockey is serious business, which is why my yearly Stanley Cup playoff predictions are so hotly anticipated. They were completely accurate last year, as far as you know.

And here they are!

- "Because it's the cup" commercials, which are aimed at people who don't watch hockey, will air only during hockey.
- If Glenn Healy is watching, every goal will be "unacceptable." If Greg Millen is watching, every goal will be "absolutely no chance for the goaltender." If they both watch the same goal at the same time, the universe will collapse in on itself.
- Every fan whose team loses to one of the eventual Stanley Cup finalists will consider that third place and argue that it shows how close they were to winning.
- Players will be asked, several times, if scoring the first goal is and/or was important. Not once will the player look at the reporter and say, "How much do they pay you exactly?"

And those are my predictions. I'm also picking Boston and Pittsburgh to meet in the Eastern Conference final, which would keep me busy until June. If Leafs/Oilers/Flames/Habs fans could keep an eye on North Korea and the Conservatives during that time, that'd be great.

Remember to keep your head up at all times.

Playoffs making a splash

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Stanley Cup

Replica doubles as fountain in N.Y.C.

To kick off the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, a 21-foot, 6,600-pound replica of the Stanley Cup trophy was unveiled in Times Square in New York on Wednesday.

The replica trophy doubled as a water fountain that residents and visitors can drink from — much to the amusement of these young fans.

GETTY IMAGES

Vancouver

The playoffs began Wednesday night with three games, one of which saw the Vancouver Canucks hosting the Los Angeles Kings.

- With memories of last year's melee etched into the collective consciousness of Vancouver, local business owners say they're hoping for the best but prepared for the worst.
- "We know we're going to be judged kind of how we do in the playoffs," Canucks forward Ryan Kesler said. "Now the real season begins. It's going to be a good test, this first round, for us."
- The Vancouver Canucks carry the NHL's best record into the Stanley Cup playoffs for the second year in a row.
- More playoffs, page 45. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman stands between the Stanley Cup and a 21-foot replica. GETTY IMAGES

Boston Bruins captain Zdeno Chara hoists the Stanley Cup for thousands of fans to see during a rally in celebration of the team's victory in Boston, in this June 2011 file photo.

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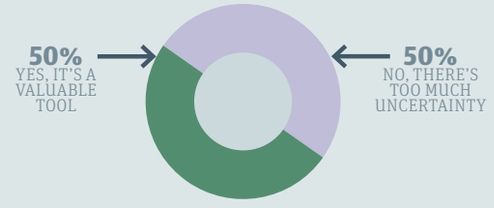

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@PeterSt40: Some guy on the #train is screaming bible verses at me. Oh Calgary how I love thee #yyc

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Scene in brief

Alba gets her poetry voice on

Jessica Alba is adding her voice to National Poetry Month, helping to lure children into the art form. Alba is among more than a dozen celebrity parents whose poetry readings are airing on the Disney and Disney Junior channels this month. Readings by Viola Davis, Caroline Kennedy, Liev Schreiber and Katie Holmes are also featured in "A Poem Is ...", a short-form series that sets verse to classic Disney animation. Langston Hughes, Mary Ann Hoberman and May Swenson are among the writers whose work is included. Alba's segment will air April 29, on the Disney Channel.

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On the web

Surprise! Keith Urban offers a few, gets his own from Vince Gill at All For The Hall concert

Cut your teeth and bust a gut at Comedy Monday

Comedy. Local show turning newcomers into veterans

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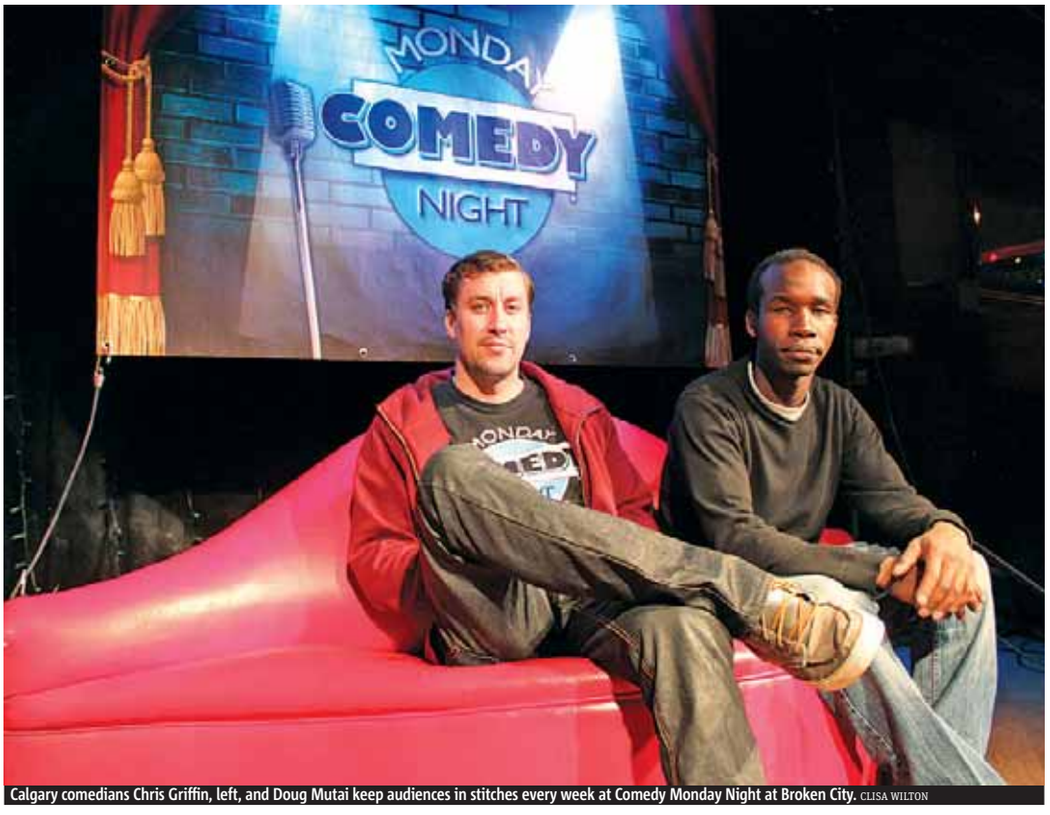

Calgary comedians Chris Griffin, left, and Doug Mutai keep audiences in stitches every week at Comedy Monday Night at Broken City. CLISA WILTON

A few minutes before he's scheduled to take the stage, Chris Griffin grabs a pint of beer and paces around Broken City.

He doesn't look nervous so much as deep in thought, but his body language suggests he is getting a little of the pre-performance jitters many stand-up comics feel before starting their sets.

He runs through his one-liners and anecdotes one last time, making sure the tone and timing are perfect before standing in the spotlight.

Across the room, Doug Mutai sits at the bar waiting his turn to join the parade of professional and amateur comedians delivering jokes they hope will result in that addictive rush of laughter from the packed house.

Mutai, 25, and Griffin, 30, are two fast-rising stars of Comedy Monday Night, Calgary's most successful weekly open mic stand-up show.

Both funnymen are fairly new to the comedy game, having started only two years ago.

But thanks in part to their 'training' at Comedy Monday Night (CMN), they are quickly making their names known across the Canadian comedy scene.

Griffin is already headlining shows and Mutai was invited to this month's Winnipeg Comedy Festival.

"Something just struck me one day and I wanted to do comedy," says Mutai, who moved to Canada from Kenya in 2007.

"(CMN) has been great to me. I've made a lot of great friends and learned a lot."

Veteran comic James Moore started Comedy Monday Night seven years ago to give local stand-up comedians more stage time.

"There were limited venues where anyone could go to hone their act," he recalls.

"And clearly, stand-up comedy is one of those endeavours that requires lots of trips up on the stage."

After a few years at Dickens Pub, Comedy Monday Night moved to Broken City in 2009 and is now considered one of the hottest open mic nights in Canada.

"We're usually the first stop off for any new comedians, but as far as established comedians go we get some of the best acts in North America," says Moore.

The audience is also a big reason for the night's continuing success, according to Griffin.

"For first timers, this room is great," he says.

"Everyone is so receptive and supportive … It's such a cool experience to do comedy here."

Event

The show details:

- **When and where.** Comedy Monday Night runs every Monday at Broken City (613 – 11 Ave. S.W.) starting at 8 p.m. Cover charge is $5. Check out comedymondaynight.com

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Dancer turned actress has a taste for the theatrical

StreetDance 2. Sofia Boutella has loved performing since she was a kid, when she put on shows for her family

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"I always used a character to create what I needed to do dance-wise. With Madonna, she's always telling stories, so when you dance with her you're an actor as well."

StreetDance 2 star Sofia Boutella on what she calls her theatrical method of dancing and how that translates into her acting career.

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Sofia Boutella makes a heck of an entrance in StreetDance 2: her character, a salsa dancer named Eva, is introduced in a boxing ring in the middle of a Parisian nightclub, where she does her best million-dollar-baby impression in between some tricky steps.

"The hardest thing was standing for all hours in those Latin heels," she laughs.

"It was truly painful. At first, I thought it was going to be okay, but there was a moment where I wondered if I was going to make it through."

She cooled her heels — literally — with a numbing spray in between takes and nailed the number — not surprising given her track record as a dancer.

At age 29, Boutella has already done two tours as part of Madonna's troupe, which the Algerian-born performer describes as "the best years of her life;" with Street Dance 2, she's hoping to make the move into acting.

"The way I dance is always very theatrical," she says, explaining the similarity between the two disciplines.

"I always used a character to create what I needed to do dance-wise.

"With Madonna, she's always telling stories, so when you dance with her you're an actor as well," she says.

Boutella traces her love of dance and movement back to her childhood, when she was a "very hyperactive kid."

"I remember my cousin and I always liked to put on shows for our family, to perform for them. We acted like we had a circus in the backyard."

Boutella says that she never lost that sense of fun as she started to dance more seriously, mostly because she enjoys the rigour of learning her steps for a routine.

"I like the discipline. It doesn't mean that it's not fun. I appreciate the seriousness of being focused on something that you really love and trying to achieve something that's inspiring to you."

Sofia Boutella makes quite the entrance in StreetDance 2, with a routine in a Parisian boxing ring.
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Maggie Grace in Lockout. HANDOUT

Grace under fire

Maggie Grace. Lost actress talks about her new role in Lockout and her accidental ascent as an action star

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Maggie Grace wants to make it clear that while her eye is tearing up, it's not because of anything anyone said.

"I'm not crying. I just did a little damage [on set] last night," she says.

"I just injured my eye a little bit. I didn't want people to think I was just so emotional."

And then, to undermine her own point, Grace then launches into a tearful speech about how wonderful Lockout co-star Guy Pearce is before breaking down laughing.

Grace, who first rose to fame as the pampered Shannon on Lost, has been following an interestingly physical track with her film career, which is something she hadn't expected.

"It's funny, it's become kind of a theme for me — a string of action movies," she says.

"I just wrapped Taken 2 — and I was the girl who would lock myself in the locker room and cry after gym class.

"So it's just funny what life brings you."

Her latest film, the sci-fi caper Lockout, is a part of that action-heavy trend. "I pretty much looked like a dalmatian," she says about her bruised appearance after filming was completed last autumn in Serbia. Not that she's complaining, of course.

"We arrived in Serbia to start training a little bit early with the wires and do some combat training, so that was really helpful. And also a lot of fun.

"Probably the closest I'll get to being a trapeze artist myself," she remembers.

And while so much work in the action genre may seem like a happy accident to her, Grace doesn't feel the same way about acting in general.

"I never understand those 'tripped and fell' stories. I don't know how that works," she says, referring to actors who claim they found their vocation by chance.

"Maybe it sounds sort of modest or something, I don't know. But I feel like I've worked really hard to get where I am, and I'm pretty proud of it."

She's also proud of how much travelling she does for work, noting that she's back in L.A. for the first time since living on location since October.

"If you have any time off, I love to explore. It's one of my favourite things about doing this for a living — and why so far I've really preferred features to television," she says.

"I don't know how I'm going to commit to one man for the rest of my life when I can't commit to one television show for a seven-year contract."

'Don't I know you from...?"

With all the travelling she does — and with parts in two beloved franchises (Lost and Twilight) — Maggie Grace is often stopped by fans.

- **So what's she recognized for most these days?** "Usually Taken lately. For a long time it was Lost, and that still comes up. Those are pretty hard-core fans, the Losties," she says. "But Taken, it's pretty funny. Especially in airports, of course."

Norton joins sustainability fight

Seeing green.
Fight Club star is throwing punches for the environment

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Talking to Edward Norton, his passion for the planet becomes incredibly clear. And the man knows his stuff, serving as an ambassador for the United Nations' biodiversity program. And that's aside from co-founding Crowdrise, a social-media-powered fundraising group for charities of all stripes.

You've done a lot with improving low-income housing. Is that an area where you can apply green initiatives and kill two birds with one stone?
Definitely. You can apply efficiency and sustainability standards to affordable housing, absolutely. And not only is it better for the environment, better for cities, better for the health of residents, but it actually proves to be very cost-efficient. Ultimately, the additional costs associated with doing things in a greener and sustainable way in affordable housing can usually get paid back by the savings from that efficiency within a couple of years.

Yet a lot of people still assume greener building practices are more expensive.
Sometimes environmental values get associated with some sort of an elitist choice or a choice that's only available to people of a certain income level, and that's just absolutely not true.

What are some areas where people would assume it's more expensive to be more green?
Certain technologies cost more upfront, but as you start to project the operational cost of things not only do those costs get paid back, but over a long-term stretch there's actual savings and cost efficiency in making more sustainable choices in the way that we do things. Smart businesses and smart governments are realizing this themselves and pursuing those efficiencies.

This green issue is about cities. Can cities be eco-friendly?
One of the ironies is the density of cities makes people think that they must be energy hogs, but the truth is that on a per capita basis, cities are much more efficient places to live than the suburbs. New York on a per capita basis is probably a much greener city than the average suburb. Certainly more than a city like Phoenix, where you've got

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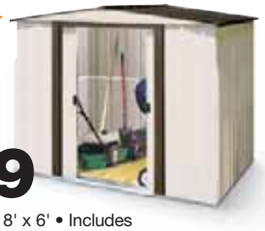

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Fundraising

What's this Crowdrise thing all about, anyway?

Edward Norton has been in the news for co-founding Crowdrise, a crowd sourcing charity website. Here, he explains where the idea came from and how the system compares to traditional forms of fundraising — particularly in the cost-savings department.

"It grew out of many years of having the experience of being involved in causes and realizing painfully that there were a lot of costs associated with fundraising," Norton tells Metro during an interview.

"Sometimes you lose 40 per cent of the money you had raised to the costs of producing the event or the dinner or whatever.

"The service we really want to bring first and foremost through Crowdrise was to give people a way, through these powerful online networking tools, to take ownership of these causes and have impact.

"But we also want to let the organizations achieve this kind of fundraising for costs that were fractional compared to traditional fundraising," he says about Crowdrise.

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Edward Norton is convinced that housing built in a sustainable way is more cost effective. HANDOUT

High Line is an old New York railroad converted into a park — one of many of Norton's projects. HANDOUT

incredible energy expenditure because of the sprawl and the way that the city's built — and the lack of mass transit and all of it.

We recently talked to the founder of Pirate Bay, who suggested that younger people find green issues outdated and are more interested in problems of free speech.

I don't actually agree with that. I think we're continuing to see a broader and broader penetration of awareness and concern about ecological sustainability, lost biodiversity, climate change. I think it's one of the few things that is pervasive for all societies. Free speech issues, you can argue, are more important in some places than others. Environmental sustainability is equally important everywhere.

We write about a system designed to turn human waste into energy. Would you use something like that?

I think we're going to have to move decisively in that direction. We're going to have to look at solid waste energy as well as turning waste water and sewage waste to energy. And even beyond energy, I think that water is going to be one of the pressing issues of the 21st and 22nd centuries.

If you look at a place like Singapore, they've already moved completely to where they're not only reusing their municipal sewage stream for irrigation and things like that, but it also contributes to the drinking water supply.

So there's going to be a lot of jokes about it, but there's just no doubt that we're going to have to get better at closing the loop in all ways in terms of reusing our waste stream at every level.

Earth Day

Focus on the environment

Norton has been looking to highlight green causes through Crowdrise. "This year, we were talking with some people I work with about Earth Day and trying to think about what could we do on Crowdrise," Norton says. "We're going to let people see a specific sort of campaign and competition that's highlighting great environmental organizations." Visit crowdrise.com/earthday2012.

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DeVito steering towards a better environment

Eco-conscious. The Lorax actor is one of the first owners of the first mass-produced electric car, and he's filling his garage with more of the same

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Danny DeVito takes keeping green seriously. "We do a lot stuff, like there's no bottled water in our house, and there's no paper towels and there's no napkins — it's all cloth," the actor says.

"The idea is it's a little bit more work but it pays off in the environment in the end.

"We also use recycled toilet paper because I don't know what else to ... operate that function with."

DeVito's eco thinking may have helped him get into character for his role in animation in The Lorax, based on a Dr. Seuss' classic fable about saving the environment.

But one thing is clear: he's a car junkie with an eye for nature, claiming to be one of the first on his area to get the first mass-produced electric car, the EV1 — or at least get it as a present from wife Rhea Perlman.

And he's become something of an expert on zero-emissions vehicles.

"Last month I bought a [Nissan] Leaf. I don't have any cars that are gas-guzzlers now in my entire family," says DeVito.

"There's a Chevy Volt out now that has a 40-mile range (65 kilometres) on the electricity, and then the rest you can travel on gas. But I wanted to go all electric."

Danny DeVito isn't just green on screen. GETTY IMAGES

More mothering, less acting for Cruz

With a one-year-old son at home, Penelope Cruz is starting to consider cutting back on her career for the sake of motherhood.

"Maybe I'll make one movie a year, maybe two, but it's not going to be more than that because I have other priorities now," Cruz tells Harper's Bazaar.

"I talk about him all day long, even to strangers in the street. It is my favorite subject! But, you know, this is my job."

Cruz and husband Javier Bardem welcomed son Leonardo last year.

Is the Seal/Klum divorce getting ugly?

Seal is striking back at Heidi Klum, reportedly disputing her divorce petition, according to TMZ.

The main issue he takes with her filing? Seal insists there are "community and quasi-community assets" that need to be divided up, while Klum claims a postnuptial agreement addresses that. In addition, Klum cites January 19 as the official start of their separation, while Seal says the date hasn't been determined.

Seal is also asking for joint physical custody of their children instead of Klum's proposed full physical custody.

"Given that he's away a lot on tour, giving her primary physical custody is pretty much status quo," the source says.

And both parties are reportedly asking to deny spousal support to the other. Klum is worth an estimated $70 million, while Seal is worth $15 million.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

A little background on J. Lo's gift to Casper Smart

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For Tuesday's Word, I wrote about Jennifer Lopez, 42, gifting beau/backup dancer Casper Smart, 25, with a custom white Dodge pickup truck for his birthday.

Apparently, Lopez "knew that Casper really wanted a truck, and Casper was very excited about the generous gift," a source told People magazine. "Casper was so excited about his new truck that he decided to drive it to dinner. She was smiling about Casper's excitement."

In the column, I made a crack about how: 1) That "source" sounded like a quote-giving robot and 2) How I was surprised that Lopez didn't buy him a Fiat considering all the shilling she does for the car manufacturer. This was the incorrect joke to make. Please check out the following reader mail:

"You may need to do some more digging. Chrysler/Dodge/Ram are owned in part by Fiat which helped bailout Chrysler!! That is why he got a Ram Truck from J. Lo and not a Ford F-150!!!"

"Did you really not know that Fiat and Dodge are both owned by Chrysler LLC, when you wrote that J-Lo dreck?"

"I feel obligated to point out that Fiat holds a considerable financial and developmental stake in Chrysler (who makes Dodge and Jeep vehicles). It wouldn't be too much of a stretch to assume she used an "employee discount" (if any money was spent at all) on that Dodge truck."

In my defence, I am only a semi-good looking recycler of celebrity gossip, not a hard-hitting journalist who knows the ins-and-outs of the car industry. However, thanks to my eagle-eyed readers, who do know such things, we all now know that this "news item" and "gift" was a total plant by Fiat and that truck was totally free in exchange for press. And, really, do celebrities ever pay for anything? Or do they just have to save their cash for when they will inevitably need a high-priced divorce lawyer?

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Princess Diana wanted to star in Bodyguard sequel, says Costner

Kevin Costner reveals there were plans for a sequel to The Bodyguard — with Princess Diana interested in starring as herself.

"Diana and I had been talking about doing Bodyguard 2," Costner tells Anderson Cooper in an interview set to air next month.

"I told her I would take care of her just the same way that I took care of Whitney (Houston)."

And though the late Princess had no professional acting experience, Costner was eager to work with her.

"She wanted me to write it for her. I said, 'I'll tailor it for you if you're interested.' She goes, 'I am interested,'" Costner remembers, revealing that he received a draft of the script the day before Diana lost her life in 1997.

Bobbi Kristina agrees to reality show: Report

Bobbi Kristina Brown, the daughter of late singer Whitney Houston, has reportedly made a verbal deal to star in a reality TV series, according to Radar Online.

"This show is being done against her family's advice," a source says. Brown, who is reportedly dealing with her own substance-abuse issues, is "obviously very wild and misguided," the source adds. "Bobbi is scared the world will label her just like her mother."

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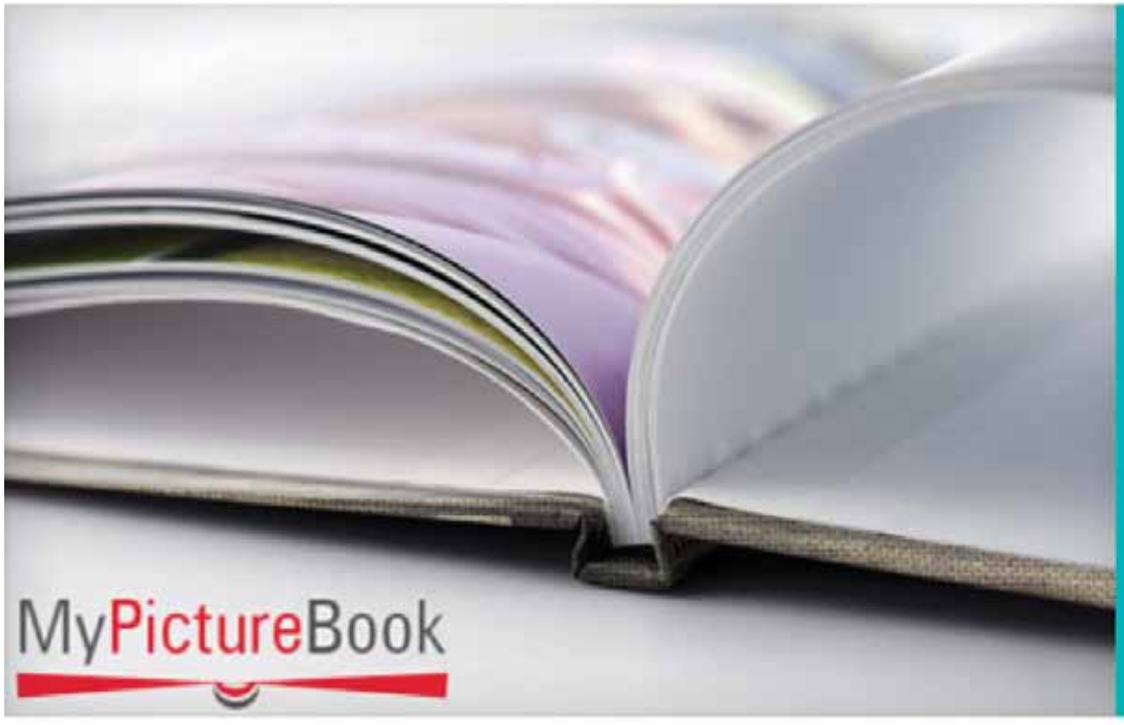

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Take spring style by storm

Go ahead, let it pour.
If it rains on your parade you'll be ready

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Spring has sprung and the world is... wet? As Canadians we've learned how to rock any climate, and the soggy days of the season are no exception.

This year however, retailers have taken rain gear up a notch — and are giving us no choice but to dance through every downpour.

"Colour is huge this spring," says Sears trend director Cynthia Florek.

"We're seeing the trench updated in electric colours like blue, green and coral or through interesting textures and effects like micro-suede perforations and neutral colour blocking."

Boots, umbrellas and other permeable pairables have followed suit, so take stock of this gorgeous gear.

I'm only happy when it rains. JOE FRESH

On trend

"The trench is the perfect outerwear piece to transition into spring... And anoraks, anoraks, anoraks — spring must-have! I love the Joe Fresh nylon anorak over a tulip dress with pretty pumps — très chic!"

Adrienne Shoom
Style Director at Joe Fresh

Banana Republic Solid Belted Mac, $160 - bananarepublic.com

Attitude Jay Manuel Funnel-Coated Trench, $179.99, sears.ca

Joe Fresh Mac Coat, $29, joefresh.com

Style file

Colour me trendy

Most of us can pair one bold colour with another - it just takes a little confidence. But colour blocking, that's more of an art, and it's one to be mastered this spring season.

The highest standard of colour blocking was set by Yves Saint Laurent, who transferred the graphic, pop-art look of painter Piet Mondrian onto fabric. The YSL look was an instant hit as it fit so nicely into the fresh, no-frills mod fashions of the mid 1960s.

Since then, Lisa Perry, known for her bright traffic-stopping colour combinations on simple silhouettes, says the style has become a classic that sometimes hits as a bona fide trend. This is one of those years, she says. It's part of a broader movement away from the earth tones that dominated runways and stores for a while.

• A general definition of colour blocking is the pairing of chunks of contrasting colours.

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Facing the elements.
The eye of the storm

Take note of this rainproof makeup tip from Rimmel makeup artist, Vanessa Jarman:

Waterproof Mascara
Waterproof mascara shouldn't be used all the time. The alcohol content tends to dry out lashes and is not the most nourishing formula to apply on a constant basis. Having said that... if you will be attending an emotional event such as a wedding or funeral, or know your day will be filled with a lot of rain, it's always better to be prepared!

TIP: You can try applying regular mascara on your lashes for your first coat to add a barrier and then coat your lashes with waterproof mascara to seal everything in.

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On the Web

Christian Dior names Belgian designer Raf Simons as its new artistic director

Reclaim Sunday dinner with dishes the family can bond over

Ingredients

8 to 10 portions

- 1 kg (2 lb) Italian sausage
- 1 kg (2 lb) rigatoni, penne or orecchiette
- 250 ml (1 cup) extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 cloves garlic, crushed into a paste
- 1.5 g (3 lb) broccoli rabe, stems trimmed and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 5 ml (1 tsp) red pepper flakes
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sea salt
- 60 ml (4 tbsp/1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated Pecorino Romano

1. Remove sausages from casings and crumble. In a large skillet over high heat, brown sausage. Transfer to paper towels to drain. Wipe the fat out of the pan.

2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente (if using rigatoni or orecchiette, cook for 8 minutes; if using penne, cook for 9 minutes).

3. Heat olive oil and garlic in wiped-out skillet over medium-high heat until garlic is golden.

4. Add broccoli rabe, red pepper flakes and salt and cook for 5 minutes, stirring a few times.

5. Add sausage and butter and cook over high heat for 5 minutes, stirring a few times.

6. Drain pasta, reserving 250 ml (1 cup) of the cooking water and transfer pasta to skillet.

7. Mix well, adding water if pasta seems too dry. Pour into a large warm serving bowl, sprinkle cheese over top and serve.

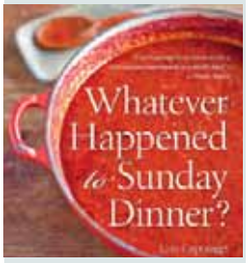
THE CANADIAN PRESS/ WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUNDAY DINNER? A YEAR OF ITALIAN MENUS WITH 250 RECIPES THAT CELEBRATE FAMILY BY LISA CAPONIGRI (STERLING EPICURE, 2012).

Pasta con Salsicce e Broccolini

This recipe serves eight to 10 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Cookbook of the Week

Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner?



Lisa Caponigri has released Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner? to give families recipes they can easily cook and enjoy together.

Caponigri has devised 52 delicious Italian menus — one for each Sunday of the year — that feature classics like crostini, lasagne, polenta, stuffed peppers, veal piccata, risotto alla Milanese, and ricotta pie.

There are also many surprises like Woodman's pasta and Italian french fries — and traditional, treasured dishes from her own family's kitchen, such as Nana's Strufoli and Grandma Caponigri's Ragu Sauce. **METRO**

Creating family memories

The family that cooks and eats together can create memories that will last a lifetime, says the author of a new cookbook, Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner? A Year of Italian Menus, with 250 Recipes That Celebrate Family (Sterling Publishing).

Lisa Caponigri has fond memories of wonderful Sunday dinners starting in her childhood.

"I was lucky enough to grow up with Sunday dinner and a strong influence of Sunday dinner from both my grandmother and my mother and then I continued that tradition with my own children. So it was always a huge part of my life," she said in an interview from South Bend, Ind.

Her three children, now 24, 22 and 18, tell her "it really meant a lot to them that Sunday was sacred, that Sunday was the day we did this and Sunday dinner was the thing that we never cancelled or reneged on."

She recalls them telling her: "'You know, Mommy, it didn't matter where we lived or the vacations you took us on or extra special things you tried to do for us. Our fondest memories are Sunday in the kitchen with you and around the Sunday dinner table.'

"When your children grow up and tell you that, that meant the world to me. It was very important to them that I took that time out of my busy schedule."

In fact, it was her daughter Felicia who inspired her to capture these memories by writing down her philosophy, menus and recipes. The cookbook consists of 52 five-course Italian menus, giving you a new idea for every Sunday of the year.

Caponigri, 54, says the message of the book is it's important to set aside one day of the week and make Sunday dinner a family event, not a "mom-centric" activity. And if you don't have a family, create that bonding experience by cooking and eating with friends or neighbours.

"The most important thing is to schedule the time and make sure everyone's on board that Sunday ... is our time to have Sunday dinner and we're not going to let anything else interfere with it and here's how we're going to accomplish it. We're going to pick a menu, have fun, everyone's going to contribute. That's really the easiest way to get everyone involved." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Lisa Caponigri, centre, cooks with two of her children, Felicia and Guido. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ SIMPLY GORGEOUS PHOTOGRAPHY

Match it up: Does this go with that?

Decor ideas. How to match your home decor for a beautiful coordinated look

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Decor rules: Draperies should blend with the wall colour and your style of artwork should inspire the look of your area rugs. CRATEANDBARREL.CA

Like most decor enthusiasts, I prefer to space out my decorating projects and not do it all at once. This gives me a chance to stand back and reflect on my choices. Plus, it's easier on the pocketbook.

But one danger of decorating in stages is that some people may lose focus of the overall look they're trying to achieve. Here's a brief guide to help you get inspired and stay on track:

Fabrics and paint
Start with the largest pattern in each room. In the bedroom, it's the duvet cover/bedding; in the living room it's the sofa; in the bathroom it's the shower curtain.

The second major colour you see in the pattern is the one you match with accessories in the room, and the third colour in the pattern is used for the wall colour.

If there is not a pattern or colour used in your fabric choices then you have a monochromatic colour scheme (all variants of the same colour). In this case, choose the same colour for accessories and wall colours, but choose lighter or darker versions to make things more interesting.

Windows
Shades should blend with the window's framing. If your window trims are white, choose a white window shade. If you have wood window trims, then choose taupe, brown or wood shades.

Draperies should always match the walls. A shade lighter or darker than your paint colour will make them a mainstay classic in the room's decor.

Rugs
Match your area rugs to any artwork you have (or are attracted to). If you like rich Van Gogh-style art, choose richly patterned Persian-style rugs to blend in. If you gravitate toward modern black and white art, choose neutral area rugs in very light or very dark tones.

Lighting
If you are having trouble choosing a lampshade, try matching it to the frames on your walls. If you have dark brown or black frames, choose the same colour for lampshades.

A plain white lampshade will always work but can be a little boring, especially in a room where deeper, darker tones are being used.

Kitchens
The colour of your kitchen backsplash should blend with the upper and lower cabinetry. This will encourage the eye to travel vertically without interruption. For instance, if you have deep-cherry-wood-toned cabinets, your backsplash could be a ruddy brown slate to match.

Countertops should get the same colouring and tones of your appliances. If you've chosen stainless-steel appliances with black trims, a grey-toned counter with dark specs or veining would be perfect.

Dust begets more dust

Ready for a dust-up with those bunnies?

CHARLES THE BUTLER
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Dear Charles the Butler, I am finding it very difficult to do more than "move dust around" when I dust. A lot has to do with static electricity, as the problem is worse on or near electronics such as the TV or DVD player. I am concerned about the use of water or furniture polishes on some types of wood and wood finishes, as I ruined some pieces a while back using polish. Can you help? Robin

Hello Robin,
As I am sure you have all heard me say many times before, dust is both a never-ending duty, and the world today has more dust in it than it has ever had before. So dealing with the dust is important as it continues to build up and can lead to some big dust bunnies.

Remember that even if you don't use a certain room in your house, you still need to dust that space on a regular basis because dust attracts more dust. Thus, keeping up with this task helps to keep life simpler.

Here are some dusting tips:

1. Dust often.
2. Don't use chemical dusting sprays as they often have silicone in them and this builds up on your furniture, and attracts more dust.

3. My personal trick that works perfectly and is used by curators in museums to clean delicate items is to wet your hands just a little, then dry them on a cotton cloth (only 100 per cent cotton). This process makes the cotton cloth the perfect humidity to "damp dust" — but remember to use very little or no water. The cloth should be only humid to pick up the dust perfectly. What's great about this is that there are no chemicals, and the cotton cloths can be cleaned in the washing machine and re-used.

Give this a try and let us know how it works for you.

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Small spaces, big ambitions

Feeling square-foot challenged? A few l'il tips for making small spaces stylish and more comfortable

A small sunroom. BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Small may be in when it comes to homes, but that doesn't mean it's easy to decorate. A few simple guidelines, however, can turn a small space from Dilemma to De-Lovely.

Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan, founder of the decor blog Apartment Therapy and author of The Big Book of Small, Cool Spaces (Clarkson Potter, 2010), thinks it's all about light.

"The single most powerful influencer in a room is the lighting," he says.

Every room should have three sources of illumination, which will bounce off walls and create a visual expanse, Gillingham-Ryan says. Track lighting is a good alternative to free-standing fixtures if space is a problem.

"Track has really improved in the past few years. You don't have to buy a big section with large lights; there are many smaller, attractive options," he says.

Rather than buy adjustable furniture for a multi-purpose small space, "it's better to find good pieces that do what they're supposed to," he says. For example, instead of an ottoman with a lid that flips into a tray, buy a great ottoman and a great tray. "You'll appreciate both pieces so much more."

Gillingham-Ryan suggests limiting the colour palette of a small room. He likes off-white in all its iterations, with bright white on ceilings. "Keep floors dark — they're calming and grounding, and will make the walls seem higher," he says.

Use accessories, such as a great rug, to add colour. "You can't change your square footage, but you can change the way the space feels," he says.

Elaine Griffin, a New York-based designer and author of Design Rules (Gotham, 2009), says a welcoming foyer is near the top of her list for small spaces.

"It's an important part of the psychological experience of coming home. I like to create a 'faux foyer' by sitting a decorative cube or box adjacent to the door with a tray for mail, and perhaps a shelf above for keys, a flower and a fragrant candle. Mount a mirror above the shelf," she says.

In the living area, "avoid the temptation to put your sofa on the long wall. Put it on the short wall, and you'll have more room to create decor zones," Griffin says. Loveseats — popular purchases for small apartments — are "a no-no. Truthfully, they only sit one. Go for the better-proportioned 72-to-76-inch 'apartment-sized' sofa."

In tiny bathrooms, Griffin says, "I'm a big fan of wall-mountable, square mini-shelves, which I station in multiples behind the door. Save the most visible space above the toilet for art."

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Creative with storage

'Take time to plan and don't buy what you don't need'

Janice Simonson, IKEA's design spokesperson, weighs in on making small spaces beautiful and functional: "Often people only look at the 'footprint' of the room," she says. "Look for space on the verticals — railings, hooks and shelves on doors and walls can hold baskets and clothing, and serve as drying areas for laundry."

She thinks many people err by buying too much storage, ending up with more stuff that takes space.

"Take the time to plan; don't buy anything till you've moved in and unpacked, to see what's needed," she says.

Some other general tips:

- Downsize. What do you need and what can you live without? Rip all your CDs to a hard drive, then sell or donate them. Get rid of anything you rarely use.
- Sight lines are important. Benches, open shelves, furniture with legs, light materials — these help the eye perceive a room as more spacious.
- Mobilize. Rolling tables and carts can serve as dining, work or play pieces.

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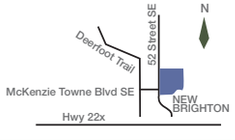

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No such thing as too much humus

Black gold. Humus is what put the 'organic' in organic gardening, and a humus-rich soil is the earmark of any good gardener

The sponginess of humus makes soils fluffier. LEE REICH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Let's pay homage to humus. As the garden gets into full swing, it's a good time for such tribute, because enthusiasm can be parlayed into action.

No one can say exactly what humus (pronounced HUE-mus) is because it's a witch's brew of thousands of organic compounds that result from the decomposition of dead plants and animals.

"Yuck," you say? Don't. Think of compost, leaf mould, the spongy, dark layer of earth you see when you push aside leaves on the forest floor. Think of the rich, dark soils of the Argentine pampas and the Russian steppe. Such soils have been the breadbaskets of the world because they are rich in humus.

Humus is one of those few things in life that you — your soil, rather — cannot get too much of. Although it's naturally present in all soils, if you garden you have to conscientiously preserve and augment humus.

This is because many garden activities hasten humus decomposition. Not that humus decomposition is all bad; many of humus' benefits, such as the release of plant nutrients, come about as humus decomposes. But when humus loss outstrips its accumulation, it's like taking money out of a bank faster than you put it in.

Tilling the soil and using concentrated nitrogen fertilizers accelerate humus decomposition. Tillage charges the soil with air, causing microbial populations to soar, and these hungry microbes then gobble up humus very quickly. Following an initial burst of nutrients, the soil is left poorer.

You can and should add humus to your soil. Grow it in place by setting aside part of your garden or part of the season to cover crops, which are plants grown specifically for soil improvement. Grassy plants, such as oats, rye, sorghum and wheat, are best for increasing soil humus.

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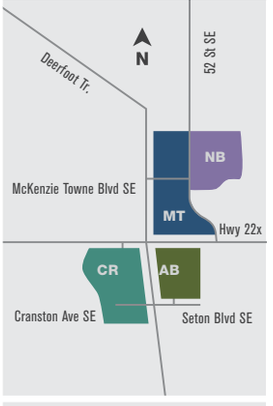

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How to stop your kids' sports stuff from totally taking over the house

Breeding little athletes? Celebrate the fact your children are active by giving them a place to store all their gear.

It starts with a lacrosse stick and cleats by the front door. Then comes the batting helmet and glove on the bedroom floor, and the baseball hat on the kitchen table. Karate uniforms pile up in the laundry room next to team jerseys, and errant tennis balls roll down the hall.

Can we get through the spring and summer sports seasons without our homes ending up in total disarray?

Interior designer Betsy Burnham, founder of Burnham Design in Los Angeles, says nearly every home remodelling project she works on these days includes a mudroom with one priority: storing and organizing sports equipment.

Here, she and interior design experts Brian Patrick Flynn of decordemon.com and Kyle Schuneman of Live Well Designs offer tips on handling all this gear without sacrificing style, even when you don't have a mudroom.

Pick up pre-fab kitchen cabinets from big-box retailers and install them as storage solutions for kids' rooms. BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/HGTVREMODELS.COM/SARAH DORIO/AP

Begin with workflow

Your system for handling sports clothing, says Schuneman, can be as simple as "two colour-coded baskets by the back door or the laundry room: one for dirty, one for clean. Make it a habit to immediately put your uniforms in the dirty basket after the game," he says.

"Once it's out of the wash, you fold it and put it in the clean basket," rather than putting it away with other clothing in a bedroom.

For a dose of style, use colourful woven baskets rather than typical plastic hampers or laundry bins. Just make sure the youngest kids can easily reach their items. "Once you train yourself to this habit, it will be natural," Schuneman says, and the stress of searching for a team jersey before a game will be history.

Have one spot for sports gear

You don't need a huge space for sports gear, and it doesn't have to be in or near a child's bedroom. "Often people are challenged for space," Burnham says. Any spot works: "It can be a little area under the stairs or one area of your entryway," as long as it's dedicated to sports stuff.

One option is revamping part of your garage, Burnham says. Rather than using plastic storage bins and old boxes, outfit this space with vintage metal containers refurbished with fresh paint, or large baskets with lids. The summer sports season "can be a great reason to give your garage a facelift," Burnham says, using storage that is sturdy but attractive.

Or spend a Saturday cleaning out an entryway closet, then add hooks and baskets for sports items. You may have more space available than you think.

Old school meets after school

"A vintage barrel or ceramic pot can house your tall items, like baseball bats, tennis racquets and lacrosse sticks, next to the bench."

Kyle Schuneman of Live Well Designs

Get creative with cabinets

There are many storage options designed specifically for sporting goods and kids' items. But Flynn suggests thinking more broadly. His favourite creative solution, he says, "always solicits an 'Are you kidding?' response."

"I usually pick up pre-fab kitchen cabinets from big box retailers, then install them as storage solutions for kids' rooms," Flynn says.

"They come in all different sizes, many the ideal depth for basketballs or soccer balls, and many in excellent heights, tall enough for baseball bats or hockey sticks."

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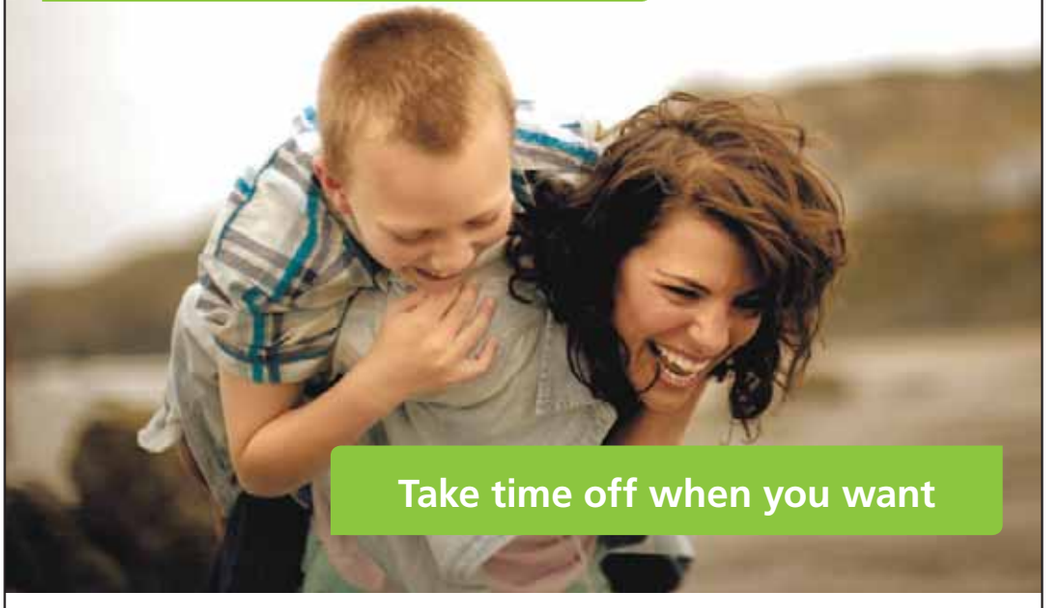

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Boston Bruins

Horton likely to miss the playoffs

Bruins forward Nathan Horton is expected to miss the Stanley Cup playoffs because of a concussion.

Horton suffered the injury Jan. 22 in a game against the Philadelphia Flyers and has not played since.

The 26-year-old had three game-winning goals in last year's Stanley Cup run, but he missed the final four games of the championship series against Vancouver after suffering a concussion in Game 3.

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Chicago Blackhawks

Toews expected to play Game 1

Chicago captain Jonathan Toews is expected to play in the opening game of the Blackhawks' playoff series against the Phoenix Coyotes on Thursday. He missed the final 22 games of the regular season because of a concussion.

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Jonathan Toews at practice on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Davis Cup

Canada to play South Africa

Milos Raonic likes Canada's chances against South Africa in a critical Davis Cup tennis playoff later this year.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., is expected to lead the Canadian team into the best-of-five tie. Canada must win in order to remain in the World Group for 2013.

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FIFA

Canada up to 75th in rankings

World champion Spain remained top in FIFA's monthly rankings, and Uruguay rose to third. The Netherlands dropped two places to fourth, losing second to Germany. Canada, which hasn't played since losing to Armenia in a friendly match in February, moved up four spots to 75th.

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Predators solve Red Wings in Game 1

NHL. Nashville's Bourque scores 2 goals and netminder Rinne makes 35 saves

Matt Halischuk celebrates a goal by Predators teammate Gabriel Bourque on Wednesday night. FREDERICK BREEDON/GETTY IMAGES

The Red Wings insisted they wanted the chance to open the post-season on the road. The Nashville Predators have given them a rude reminder of how tough life away from Detroit can be.

Gabriel Bourque scored two goals in his post-season debut, and Nashville held onto home-ice advantage by beating Detroit Red Wings 3-2 on Wednesday night to open their Western Conference playoff series.

"We know the next game's going to be a lot harder than this one," Nashville coach Barry Trotz said. "We're OK with that."

Game 2 is Friday night in Nashville.

Paul Gaustad scored his first post-season goal, and Pekka Rinne made 35 saves. The Predators started at home after edging Detroit for the No. 4 seed.

"It was amazing," Rinne said about the atmosphere." "It's unbelievable. These guys, they always have that extra gear, and for sure we try to take advantage of it."

Henrik Zetterberg and Tomas Holmstrom scored power-play goals for Detroit.

The Red Wings lost centre Darren Helm in the first period, and coach Mike Babcock said Helm was having surgery for a cut on his right forearm. Babcock said he had no word on the severity of the injury except it was bad enough the centre was taken immediately to a hospital.

Nashville gave Detroit 44 seconds of a five-on-three when Ryan Suter was called for slashing at with 3:52 to go. The Predators killed off the 5-on-3, but Holmstrom scored with 2:07 left to give Detroit a chance.

After Holmstrom's goal, Nashville took its timeout while Babcock pulled Jimmy Howard for the extra attacker. With 22.9 seconds left, Martin Erat went to the box for holding, but the Predators held on.

"Anytime you lose Game 1, especially when you're the road team, I think it's a great opportunity to win a game for sure," Babcock said. "Now we just have to get refocused and we've got to win a game in here."

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Game 1

3	2
Predators	Red Wings

By the numbers

1st

The Predators started their third post-season series against Central Division rival Detroit with their first win in the opening game.

NHL. Flyers flip the script on Penguins in opener

Jakub Voracek has no idea how good the Philadelphia Flyers could be if they played 60 full minutes, or beyond.

At the moment, it's hardly necessary.

Voracek beat Marc-Andre Fleury from in close 2:23 into overtime to give the Flyers a 4-3 comeback victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

"It was a lucky bounce for me but I'll take it," Voracek said after scoring his first career playoff goal.

So will the Flyers, who hardly panic when things don't go their way early.

The Penguins jumped on the Flyers early scoring the first three goals, all in the first period.

No matter. Daniel Briere scored twice, Brayden Schenn added a goal in his playoff debut, and Ilya Brzygalov settled down after a shaky start to finish with 25 saves.

Briere missed the final week of the regular season after taking a hard hit from Pittsburgh's Joe Vitale during Philadelphia's 6-4 win at Consol Energy Center on April 1. Briere returned to steady a team that was "in shock" after getting dominated during the first 20 minutes.

"Sitting here after the first period we were saying we've done it all year, let's start with a goal," Briere said.

Briere's breakaway midway through the second period gave the Flyers life. He pulled Philadelphia within one midway through the third period before Schenn tied it shortly thereafter to send it to overtime, where the 22-year-old Voracek ended it quickly.

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Game 1

4	3
Flyers	Penguins

By the numbers

20

Philadelphia won 20 games during the season when the opponent scored first, the most in the NHL.

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"I'm going to take some time off and not look at the clubs for a while, and then get back after it."

A statement from Tiger Woods on his website Wednesday, announcing that he is taking a three-week break before returning to golf at the Wells Fargo Championship. Woods announced Wednesday he will resume an up-and-down season May 3-6 at Quail Hollow, where he won in 2007. In his last three tournaments, Woods withdrew in the middle of the final round at Doral with a sore Achilles tendon, won at Bay Hill for his first PGA Tour title in 30 months and tied for 40th at the Masters, his worst 72-hole position in any major as a pro.

"I know what I need to work on. It's just a matter of getting out there and doing it. Just putting in the reps and the time. I just wasn't able to do it at the Masters."

Tiger Woods

On the web

There may have been some panicky moments around the country as the 2010 Olympic gold-medal hockey game went to overtime, but as Team Canada head coach Mike Babcock explains in his new book, "there was no way doubt was getting in the dressing room on that day." Scan the code for the story.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS
(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)
Tonight's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 16
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
Tonight's game
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.
Monday, April 16
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
Tomorrow's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)
(Philadelphia leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 3 (OT)
Tomorrow's game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
Last night's result
Los Angeles at Vancouver
Tomorrow's game
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)
Tonight's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 16
St. Louis at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)
Tonight's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)
(Nashville leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
Nashville 3 Detroit 2
Tomorrow's game
Detroit at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Nashville at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

FLYERS 4, PENGUINS 3 (OT)

First Period
1. Pittsburgh, Crosby 1 (Dupuis, Letang) 3:43
2. Pittsburgh, Kennedy 1 (Staal, Letang) 7:49
3. Pittsburgh, Dupuis 1 (Sullivan, Crosby) 19:23
Penalties — None.
Second Period
4. Philadelphia, Briere 1 (Schenn) 6:22
Penalties — Giroux Pha (boarding) 3:04, Rinaldo Pha (cross-checking) 10:06.
Third Period
5. Philadelphia, Briere 2 (Schenn) 9:17
6. Philadelphia, Schenn 1 (Hartnell, Jagr) 12:23 (pp)
Penalties — Jagr Pha (interference) 1:49, Orpik Pgh (interference) 10:41.
Overtime
7. Philadelphia, Voracek 1 (Carle, Read) 2:23
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Philadelphia	6	7	11	2—26
Pittsburgh	13	10	5	0—28

Goal — Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (W,1-0-0); Pittsburgh: Fleury (L,0-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Philadelphia: 1-1; Pittsburgh: 0-3.
Attendance — 18,565 (18,387) at Pittsburgh, Pa.

PREDATORS 3, RED WINGS 2

First Period
1. Nashville, Gaustad 1 (Yip, Bouillon) 6:59
Penalties — Yip Nash (roughing) 1:59, Franzen Det (roughing) 3:32, Bourque Nash (boarding) 8:50, Emmerton Det (interference) 12:10, Ericsson Det (tripping) 16:20, Abdelkader Det (high-sticking) 17:06.
Second Period
2. Detroit, Zetterberg 1, 2:29 (pp)
3. Nashville, Bourque 1 (Halischuk) 12:29
Penalties — Josi Nash (cross-checking) 1:10, Zetterberg Det (tripping) 4:23, Quincey Det (holding) 9:28, Erat Nash (roughing) 13:50, Hornqvist Nash (high-sticking) 19:54.
Third Period
4. Nashville, Bourque 2 (Spaling, Hornqvist) 11:35
5. Detroit, Holmstrom 1 (Quincey, V.Filppula) 17:53 (pp)
Penalties — Hudler Det (diving), Josi Nash (hooking) 5:06, Hillen Nash (interference) 14:52, Suter Nash (slashing) 16:08, Erat Nash (holding) 19:37, Weber Nash (roughing) 20:00.
Shots on goal by

Detroit	5	16	16	37
Nashville	13	6	7	26

Goal — Detroit: Howard (L,0-1-0); Nashville: Rinne (W,1-0-0).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Detroit: 2-8; Nashville: 0-6.
Att. — 17,113 (17,113) at Nashville, Tenn.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Burlington, Vt.
PLAYOFFS
Championship Bracket
Yesterday's results
Quarter-finals
Finland 2 Sweden 1
Switzerland 5 Russia 2
Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
Fifth Place
Russia vs. Sweden, 5 p.m.
Semifinals
Canada vs. Finland, 3 p.m.
U.S. vs. Switzerland, 7 p.m.
RELEGATION BRACKET
(Best-of-3; loser drops down to B-Pool)
(Germany leads series 1-0)
Yesterday's result
Germany 2 Slovakia 1 (SO)
Tomorrow's game
Slovakia vs. Germany, 1 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	4	1	.800	—
Toronto	4	2	.667	½
Baltimore	3	3	.500	1½
New York	3	3	.500	1½
Boston	1	5	.167	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	4	1	.800	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	1
Kansas City	3	3	.500	1½
Cleveland	1	4	.200	3
Minnesota	1	4	.200	3

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	4	2	.667	—
Seattle	4	3	.571	½
Oakland	3	4	.429	1½
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	1½

Yesterday's results
Toronto 3 Boston 1
Chicago White Sox 10 Cleveland 6
Minnesota 6 L.A. Angels 1
N.Y. Yankees 6 Baltimore 4 (10 innings)
Oakland 5 Kansas City 4 (12 innings)
Seattle 4 Texas 3
Tampa Bay 4 Detroit 2
Tuesday's results
Toronto 7 Boston 3
Detroit 5 Tampa Bay 2
NY Yankees 5 Baltimore 4 (12 innings)
Texas 1 Seattle 0
Kansas City 3 Oakland 0 (8 innings)
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland (ppd., rain)
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Tampa Bay (Niemann 0-0) at Detroit (Smyly 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Haren 0-1) at Minnesota (Liriano 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 1-0) at Texas (D.Holland 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 2:05 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Texas at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 3, RED SOX 1

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	3	0	1	1	YEscor ss	3	0	1	2
Pedroia 2b	3	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	3	0	0	0
AdGnzl 1b	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	3	0	0	0
Youkils 3b	4	0	0	0	Encrnc 1b	3	0	0	0
Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	BFrncs dh	3	0	0	0
DMcDn rf	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	3	0	0	0
C.Ross lf	3	0	1	0	Thams lf	3	1	1	0
Aviles ss	3	1	1	0	Rasms cf	0	0	0	0
Shppch c	3	0	0	0	Arencii c	3	0	0	0
RDavis cf-lf	2	2	1	1					
Totals	**30**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**Totals**		**26**	**3**	**3**

Boston	001	000	000	1
Toronto	002	000	01x	3

LOB—Boston 4, Toronto 2. 3B—R.Davis (1). SB—R.Davis (2). SF—Y.Escobar.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lester L,0-1	8	3	3	3	2	6
Toronto						
R.Romero W,1-0	8 1-3	3	1	1	2	5
Santos S,1-3	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Lester. PB—Shoppach.
Umpires—Home, Ted Barrett; First, Brian Runge; Second, Marvin Hudson; Third, Tim McClelland.
T—2:13. A—25,285 (49,260) at Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	4	2	.667	—
Washington	4	2	.667	—
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	1½
Atlanta	2	4	.333	2
Miami	2	4	.333	2

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	2	.714	—
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	½
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	1½
Houston	3	3	.500	1½
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	1½
Chicago	1	5	.167	3½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	4	1	.800	—
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	—
San Diego	2	4	.333	2½
Colorado	1	3	.250	2½
San Francisco	1	3	.250	2½

Yesterday's results
Atlanta 6 Houston 3
Cincinnati 4 St. Louis 3
Washington 4 N.Y. Mets 0
Milwaukee 2 Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 7 Miami 1
San Diego 2 Arizona 1
San Francisco at Colorado
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers
Tuesday's results
Arizona 4 San Diego 2 (11 innings)
Atlanta 6 Houston 4
L.A. Dodgers 2 Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 7 Chicago Cubs 4
St. Louis 3 Cincinnati 1
Washington 6 N.Y. Mets 2
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Cincinnati (Latos 0-1) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 0-1) at Colorado (Moyer 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
Miami (Buehrle 0-1) at Philadelphia (Blanton 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 1-0) at San Diego (Bass 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Karstens 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 0-0), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 3:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 4:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	13	7	6	.538	158	153	—
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183	½
Buffalo	13	5	8	.385	159	168	2
Rochester	13	5	8	.385	159	164	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Calgary	14	11	3	.786	195	150	—
x-Colorado	13	10	3	.769	174	159	½
Minnesota	13	6	7	.462	157	158	4½
Edmonton	12	4	8	.333	125	135	6
Washington	13	4	9	.308	141	157	6½

x — clinched playoff berth.
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Calgary at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	44	14	.759	—
x-Miami	40	16	.714	3
Indiana	36	22	.621	8
d-Boston	34	24	.586	10
Atlanta	34	24	.586	10
Orlando	34	24	.586	10
Philadelphia	31	27	.534	13
New York	30	28	.517	14
Milwaukee	28	30	.483	16
Detroit	21	36	.368	22½
New Jersey	21	38	.356	23½
Cleveland	19	37	.339	24
Toronto	20	39	.339	24½
Washington	14	44	.241	30
Charlotte	7	49	.125	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	42	16	.724	—
x-San Antonio	40	16	.714	1
d-L.A. Lakers	37	22	.627	5½
L.A. Clippers	35	23	.603	7
Memphis	34	23	.596	7½
Dallas	32	26	.552	10
Houston	32	26	.552	10
Denver	32	26	.552	10
Utah	31	28	.525	11½
Phoenix	30	28	.517	12
Portland	27	31	.466	15
Minnesota	25	34	.424	17½
Golden State	22	34	.393	19
Sacramento	19	40	.322	23½
New Orleans	16	42	.276	26

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Philadelphia 93 Toronto 75
Boston 88 Atlanta 86 (OT)
Denver 113 Minnesota 107
Indiana 104 Cleveland 98
L.A. Clippers 100 Oklahoma City 98
L.A. Lakers 98 San Antonio 84
Memphis 104 Phoenix 93
New Orleans 105 Sacramento 96
New York 111 Milwaukee 107
Utah 103 Houston 91
Golden State at Portland
Tuesday's results
Boston 115 Miami 107
Chicago 98 New York 86
Cleveland 103, Charlotte 90
Dallas 110 Sacramento 100
Philadelphia 107 New Jersey 88
Washington 93 Orlando 85
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	56	558	372	1572	28.1
Durant, OkC	57	556	352	1575	27.6
James, Mia	55	550	335	1481	26.9
Love, Minn	54	474	379	1432	26.5
Westbrook, OkC	57	518	289	1382	24.2
Wade, Mia	45	389	222	1015	22.6
Aldridge, Por	55	483	223	1191	21.7

Not including last night's games

76ERS 93, RAPTORS 75

PHILADELPHIA (93)
Iguodala 4-7 1-2 10, Brand 4-9 3-4 11, Vucevic 5-9 2-2 12, Holiday 4-9 0-2 8, Meeks 3-7 1-1 7, T.Young 8-12 1-3 17, Williams 4-8 2-2 10, Hawes 5-9 0-0 10, Turner 3-6 0-0 6, S.Young 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-77 10-16 93.
TORONTO (75)
Anderson 4-12 4-5 13, A.Johnson 1-8 0-0 2, Gray 0-4 0-0 0, Calderon 3-5 2-2 9, DeRozan 5-9 1-1 11, Davis 5-12 3-4 13, Dentmon 2-3 0-0 5, Forbes 4-10 0-0 10, J.Johnson 2-11 0-0 5, Kleiza 2-5 0-0 5, Alabi 0-0 0-0 0, Uzoh 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-80 10-12 75.

Philadelphia	20	22	21	30	—93
Toronto	20	17	20	18	—75

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 1-10 (Iguodala 1-2, Brand 0-1, Holiday 0-1, Williams 0-2, Meeks 0-4), Toronto 7-18 (Forbes 2-4, Dentmon 1-1, Calderon 1-2, J.Johnson 1-2, Kleiza 1-3, Anderson 1-4, DeRozan 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 49 (Brand, Turner 8), Toronto 46 (Davis 13). Assists—Philadelphia 27 (Holiday 7), Toronto 18 (Davis 5). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 14, Toronto 15. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second 2. A—16,324 (19,800) at Toronto.

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	5	5	0	0	8	1	15
New York	4	2	2	0	10	7	6
Columbus	3	2	1	0	3	2	6
Houston	3	2	1	0	2	2	6
New England	5	2	3	0	4	6	6
D.C. United	5	1	2	2	5	5	5
Chicago	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Montreal	6	1	4	1	5	12	4
Philadelphia	4	0	3	1	2	6	1
Toronto	4	0	4	0	2	9	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Real Salt Lake	6	5	1	0	11	4	15
San Jose	5	4	1	0	8	2	12
Colorado	5	3	2	0	7	7	9
Vancouver	5	2	1	2	4	3	8
Seattle	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Dallas	5	2	2	1	6	8	7
Chivas USA	5	2	3	0	3	4	6
Portland	5	1	3	1	7	8	4
Los Angeles	4	1	3	0	5	8	3

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Columbus at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 4 p.m.
D.C. United at New England, 4 p.m.
Chivas USA at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose at New York, 7 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Manchester City 4 West Bromwich Albion 0
Queens Park Rangers 3 Swansea 0
Wigan 1 Manchester United 0
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 Arsenal 3

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Catania 1 Lecce 2
Fiorentina 0 Palermo 0
Genoa 1 Cesena 1
Inter Milan 2 Siena 1
Juventus 2 Lazio 1
Napoli 1 Atalanta 3
Parma 2 Novara 0
Roma 3 Udinese 1

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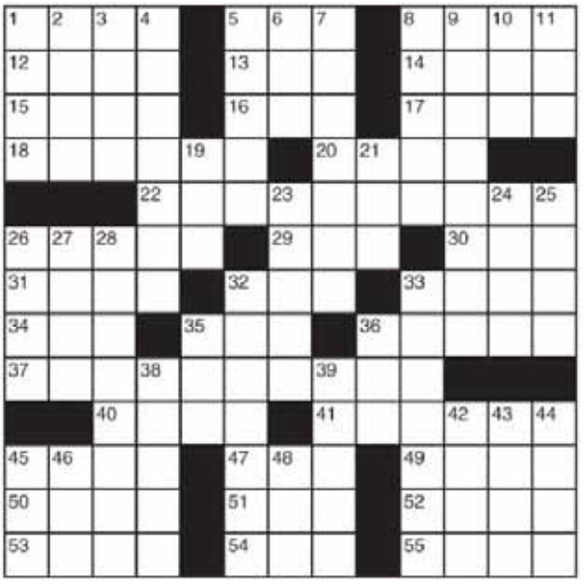
Crossword

Across

1 Sitarist's rendition
5 Pouch
8 Sedimentary deposit
12 Beige
13 Swelled head
14 Freshly
15 Send forth
16 Lair
17 Start over
18 Man's hat style
20 Campus area
22 Etui's cousin?
26 Invigorating
29 Coop occupant
30 Street address?
31 Tramp's love
32 Pickle container
33 Actress Jessica
34 Whatever amount
35 Pitch
36 Skin
37 1959 Hudson/Day movie
40 Gentle soul
41 Subtlety
45 Raised platform
47 Make a choice
49 Gander
50 Into the sunrise
51 Digits (Abbr.)
52 Capri, e.g.
53 Crazy
54 Actor Ron
55 Geographical septet

Down

1 Coral structure
2 Pinnacle
3 Crossword diagram
4 Final exam?
5 Car style
6 Census statistic
7 Triumph over
8 Fergie, less familiarly
9 Like wax fruit
10 Started
11 Teeter-totter quorum
19 Sartorial problem
21 Sailors' org.
23 "USA Today" feature
24 Spheres
25 Ark skipper
26 Applaud
27 Hindu princess
28 Writer of pastoral pieces
32 Mandible
33 Acids' neutralizers
35 Pig stealer of rhyme
36 Winter ailment
38 Survives
39 Nervous
42 Winning margin, maybe
43 Pop flavor
44 — out a living
45 Society newbie
46 Motorists' grp.
48 Rep. or Dem.



Sudoku

8					6			
2				1		3	9	
1		5			8			
5	6	8				4		
4								2
		7				5	6	1
			2			8		7
	1	4		3				6
			6					9

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	2	6	4	9	5	3	8	7
7	8	4	1	3	2	5	9	6
9	3	5	7	8	6	2	4	1
2	6	7	9	4	1	8	5	3
3	4	9	5	7	8	1	6	2
8	5	1	2	6	3	4	7	9
4	1	2	6	5	7	9	3	8
6	9	3	8	1	4	7	2	5
5	7	8	3	2	9	6	1	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

QNCI H UESER PM YCUK HSMEUSCG PI YPCQPIZ MEBCRNPIZ, BPZNR EIC MHK PRM CKCM HUC UPYCRCG?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE ZOO, A BUNCH OF WICKED ZEBRAS WERE UNASHAMEDLY PLAYING A GAME OF STRIPE POKER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals I

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Sometimes you are too nice and if you let someone off the hook today when they don't deserve it, you will regret it later.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You need to be by yourself today and the only way you can do that is to put a barrier between you and negative people.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. This is a good time to approach people in positions of authority, especially if you need support.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You can accomplish almost anything you want to, but you've got to look confident.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. What you want more than anything today is financial stability. How can you make your talents pay?

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If a loved one makes a silly mistake today don't make a big issue of it.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. With mind planet Mercury at odds with Saturn in your sign, you could easily fall into the trap of thinking that something is important when it really doesn't matter at all.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Give as much of yourself as you can today. Be generous to those you love and to those whose words and activities rub you the wrong way.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. This is a good time to deal with issues on the home front.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. If you have done something wrong, now is the time to apologize. The planets will help you to find just the right words.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. There is no such thing as something for nothing – ever. Keep that simple truth in front of you today and you won't go far wrong.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Do what you can to help someone in need today but keep your distance emotionally.

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